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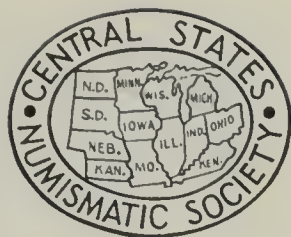
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REMEMBER WHEN? Yes, that's Ray Lefman on the right, shown accepting a hand-made gavel in 1961 from "Ole" Curtis, founder of the Minneapolis Northwest Coin Club. At the time "Ole" was 86 years old and the oldest member of the Central States family. By the way, if anyone knows the whereabouts of the gavel, Ray would appreciate hearing from you. His address can be found in the "Centinel" masthead. Hair styles may have changed, but Ray's engaging smile hasn't.

1982 CONVENTION BULLETIN

General Chairman Bob Douglas reports to **The Centinel** a heavy advance demand for hotel space at the 1982 Cedar Rapids Convention. To avoid booking problems next year, CSNS members should make their reservations promptly, using the hotel card enclosed in this issue.

PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY



Having just returned from what I think was the most successful and productive interim meeting of the Board in a long time, there are a number of things to share with you. CSNS is really on the move and it sure is great to be a member of such a dynamic organization.

To help the Editor improve **The Centinel** we have authorized him to purchase some photo equipment to allow him to have better and more pictures of CSNS activities and members. This should make **The Centinel** even better.

In order to encourage more members to compete for the Elston Bradfield Literary Award, the Board has voted to give a \$100 cash award along with the attractive plaque which the recipients have treasured for so long. Although I know that recognition in the numismatic fraternity will continue to be the primary motive for contributing articles to **The Centinel**, the Board recognizes that the research

necessary to do a top flight article can be both time consuming and expensive. We hope this additional incentive will help the Bradfield Award recipient with a portion of those expenses.

The Board also voted to establish a special literary award for the young numismatists. This award will be named after Dan Parker, the immediate past editor of **The Centinel**, whose memory we all cherish. It is especially fitting that a YN literary award would be named after Dan, as I know he was always willing to share his knowledge to give a young collector a start in our hobby.

The Board also voted to establish a policy of having a Central States representative attend state conventions as a good will ambassador. The first show to have a Central States ambassador was the outstanding Michigan State event, held over Thanksgiving weekend. Marjorie Owen was there on our behalf and tells me that she signed up several new members. I hope you'll all take time out to say hello to your Central States representative at **your** state convention.

The time is drawing near when we will have to make a decision on who will be the recipient of the Central States Young Numismatist Scholarship to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. If you are a YN who would like to apply for this award, or you know a YN you feel would be a suitable candidate, please contact Kurt Krueger, whose address appears in **The Centinel** masthead.

I've saved the most important matter of all for last. On pages 41-45 you will find biographies of the nominees

who are seeking office in your organization. As a member of Central States it is your obligation to vote for candidates you feel are most qualified to guide Central States in the coming two years. Read the qualifications of each candidate carefully and when you receive your ballot, cast your vote for the nominees you honestly believe will do the best job for all of us.

Ralph D. Hardman, Jr.
President

Madison To Host 22nd Wisconsin Convention

The 22nd Annual Numismatists of Wisconsin Convention and Coin Show will be hosted by the Madison, Wis. Coin Club on May 15 - 16 at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center.

The under-one-roof convention will be held in conjunction with the golden anniversary of the Madison Coin Club, believed to be the oldest active coin club in Wisconsin. Robert Kraft will serve as general chairman.

Bourse applications have been mailed to dealers participating in the 1981 show and the bourse is nearly sold out. A general mailer will go out around the first of the year, should space be available.

Present plans include a large bourse in the Inn's main ballroom, several exhibits, an auction, Sunday buffet and awards presentations, plus meeting rooms for related groups and societies.

Inquiries regarding the show can be directed to Robert Kraft at 404 Glenway Street, Madison, WI 53711.

Help CSNS Grow

Why not use the application form on page 33 to recruit a new member? Only the enthusiastic efforts of our current members can add to the growing ranks of the CSNS family.

Dealer Offers \$15,000 Reward

Shiloh of North America, located at 225 Third Street, Macon, Georgia 31202 has offered a \$15,000 reward for the total recovery of material taken from the car of a Shiloh employee on Sept. 6, 1981, in St. Augustine, Florida. For material recovered on a piece meal basis Shiloh offers a reward of 10% of market value.

The total value of all items taken approaches \$175,000. Among the more identifiable material was a .38 Special Colt revolver, serial No. F69568, registered in the State of Georgia; a \$20 1906 Gold Certificate, with serial No. H14843765; a \$20 1922 Gold Certificate, serial No. K36156474; a \$5 1907 Legal Tender Note, serial No. E29368061; a \$5 1907 Legal Tender Note, serial No. S67580041; a \$10 1901 Legal Tender Note, serial No. E61143435; a \$5 1899 Silver Certificate, serial No. 59857188; and a 1891 Treasury Note, serial No. B10483478.

In addition to the paper money, two 1854-D Three Dollar Gold Pieces, as well as 1851, 1852 and 1854 \$1 Gold Pieces were stolen. Also taken were a substantial number of Krugerrands and a brown coin box containing numerous United States Gold Coins.

A complete inventory of the missing items can be obtained from Shiloh at the above address.

ABOUT THE COVER

It isn't too early to start making plans to attend the 1982 Central States Convention in Cedar Rapids. The Five Seasons Center, shown on the cover, will be the site. If you haven't already made your hotel reservations, a card is enclosed that you can send directly to the hotel. Don't be in the position of having to hunt for rooms at the last minute.

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Deadlines for Young Numismatist ANA Awards

Deadline for entries for the American Numismatic Association Outstanding Young Numismatist Award will be February 1, 1982.

A deadline of April 15, 1982, has been set for applications for the other ANA 1982 Young Numismatist awards, as well as for the Outstanding Adult Leader or Advisor Award that is given to the person chosen as the one who "contributed most toward the encouragement of young numismatists."

Among the 13 awards to be presented to deserving young collectors at the ANA 1982 convention in Boston is the Young Numismatist Literary Award by ANA. This award is given to the YN "who writes the best essay or gives the best talk on a numismatic subject." The Gould Memorial Award, in memory of Maurice Gould, is an "educational award to the junior author of the best article submitted."

The Ray Byrne Literary Award is given to the author of the best article "published in *The Numismatist*, *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, or any other accredited numismatic publication." The Gould Award may go to the author of an unpublished article or an article published in a local, state or regional publication.

The Florence Shook Outstanding Young Numismatist Award will be presented to the YN judged "most deserving of it from April 1, 1981 through January 31, 1982." Nominations may be made by any ANA individual member or member club.

Other honors are the Alan Herbert Error/Variety Exhibit Award, the Kurt Krueger Paper Money Exhibit Award, the Arlie Slabaugh Medals and Tokens Exhibit Award, the Melissa Van Grover Israel or Judiac Exhibit Award, and the Charles H. Wolfe Medieval and Ancient Exhibit Award — all available to YNs only.

Qualifications for most of the awards are that candidates be junior members of the ANA at the time of their achievement, and that achievements be original. No limits are placed on the length of written articles that may be submitted for review. An article may be submitted in only one category.

Information about the awards and related forms for submitting entries may be obtained from ANA Governor Florence Schook, P. O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154.

Milwaukee To Host Mid-America Show

The First Annual Mid-America Coin Show will be held July 30 - 31 and August 1, 1982, with a night bourse for table holders only on Thursday, July 29. The event will be held at the MECCA Convention Center, located at 4th and Kilbourn Streets, Milwaukee.

Bourse Chairman for the show, Bill Quarles, told *The Centinel*, "Milwaukee has a well deserved reputation as a strong coin show site and we will be doing everything we can to hold a first-rate show for our dealers and the public. We want the show to be an event that will promote interest in numismatics generally, and will be giving free membership tables to area coin clubs so they can sign up new members."

Quarles can be contacted at Quality Coin Service, 5464 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wis. 53217.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY



It's that time again - time for you, the members, to take an active part in your organization. I'm referring, of course, to the election. The persons whose names and biographies are listed on pages 41-45 have agreed to represent you for the coming term. It's up to you to select those you think will do the best job for you.

We have a good cross section of candidates of our Central States region, as well as representatives from both the dealer and the collector field. Do see that your ballot is returned to me on time, as it will not be counted otherwise. Installation of the new Board will be at the Saturday night banquet in Cedar Rapids.

Speaking of Cedar Rapids, that committee has put in long hours to make sure the Convention goes well for all of us. Your input is needed, whether in the bourse, exhibit area, or just attendance. Also, be sure to attend the membership meeting — this is another of your obligations.

CSNS will again be sending a Young Numismatist to the ANA Seminar this summer. If you have a candidate, please let Kurt Krueger know of him or her. We have no way of knowing the young people in your area, and their involvement in numismatics, unless you see that their names and works are sent to Kurt. Kurt's address can be found in **The Centinel** masthead.

We have had a resignation on the Board of Governors that saddens all of us. Tim Marcy, of North Dakota, felt that his work and family commitments left him not enough time to properly fulfill the job. His resignation was accepted at the interim meeting in Minneapolis. We will surely miss Tim, and wish him well in all his future undertakings. President Hardman has appointed Jim Vaterlaus of Williston, North Dakota, to fill the unexpired portion of Tim's term.

We had a most productive meeting in Minneapolis. You will be made aware of some of the proceedings in regard to articles for **The Centinel** in coming issues. Also, Editor Foley was empowered to purchase camera equipment for use in his duties. So we will be seeing a more colorful **Centinel**.

Another action by the Board gave the President the task of choosing a representative to attend major conventions in the area, just for that purpose — to represent CSNS and solicit new members. I had the pleasure of attending the MSNS in Dearborn the last of November. I think this is an excellent plan, as there seems to be more time to visit with members and

talk to prospective new ones than there is at our Convention.

Any person in charge of State shows coming up should contact the President — or let me know — if you would be interested in having someone there from CSNS. We do ask for some sort of table space to have our application blanks, take dues, and distribute Centinels.

Marjorie M. Owen
Secretary-Treasurer

Milwaukee Club To Host ANACS Seminar

Milwaukee's South Shore Coin Club will hold its 19th Annual Coin Show on March 27 and 28, 1982 at the MECCA Convention Center, located at the corner of 6th and Kilbourn Streets. The MECCA facility is across the street from the newly constructed Hyatt Regency Hotel. Special discount room rates will be available to anyone attending the South Shore Coin Show and mentioning that fact at the time they make their hotel reservations.

On Friday, March 26, the day before the opening of the bourse to the public, there will be an all-day Counterfeit Detection Seminar conducted by Tom DeLorey and Ed Fleischmann of the American Numismatic Association Certification Service Staff. Both men are nationally recognized authorities in the detection of counterfeit and altered coins.

Last year's South Shore Show, the first locally sponsored event of its kind ever to be held at MECCA, attracted a bourse of 140 tables and a public attendance of over 2,500 people.

A meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the 27th. At 1:00 p.m. on the same day, Joseph Greenwood, of the American Bank Note Company, will present a program on

the detection of counterfeit securities. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a two-hour lecture by ANACS as an introduction to counterfeit detection. All three of these educational seminars, as well as the coin show itself, will be open to the public without charge.

Additional educational programs are being planned for Sunday afternoon and will be announced by the Club at a later date.

Bourse Chairman is Bob Krueger, Bob's OK Coins, 3159 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215. Information on schedules and tuition for the full day ANACS Seminar can be obtained from Show Chairman Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 589, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

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THE TRUE STORY OF A LEGENDARY \$5.00 BILL FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

By SAMUEL W. JOHNSON, JR.

Hello, friends and fellow collectors! This article was written because of a small story in a local area newspaper in January of 1981, which featured an old \$5.00 bill. I became fascinated by the article and decided to try and find out the entire story. The more I researched, the more interesting and thrilling it became. As the story unfolded, I found out about Jerry, Nellie, nitroglycerin, a very cunning police chief, a bank robbery, and of course the entire story of the \$5.00 bill.

There is an old \$5.00 bill in a frame that is sometimes exhibited by the First National Bank of Steeleville, Illinois. This small southern Illinois town is located 60 miles southeast of St. Louis, and has a current population of 2,200. Even an amateur currency collector who happened to notice this old \$5.00 bill would think, "Man, what a rag," as the note is in terrible condition. When exhibited, the note is hardly noticed and has seldom been "in the limelight" for many years. However, more than 78 years ago, this note's spectacular experience skyrocketed it into legendary status.

This legend's true story is as follows. The Bank of Steeleville opened for business on December 1, 1902. Eleven financially prominent men, as co - partners, founded the bank. In 1912 the bank became a State Bank and in 1940 became a National Bank.

On January 27, 1903, only a few weeks after opening, three thieves broke into the bank building shortly before 2:30 a.m. and used nitroglycerin to "blow the safe". Actual ear-witness accounts varied. Some said that there were four distinct explosions — others said six. Irregardless, the large "Herring-Hall

The original Steeleville bank was located in the old "Jay Building" downstairs and to the right in this large building. Today, the site is a vacant lot just east of the Webster Theater.

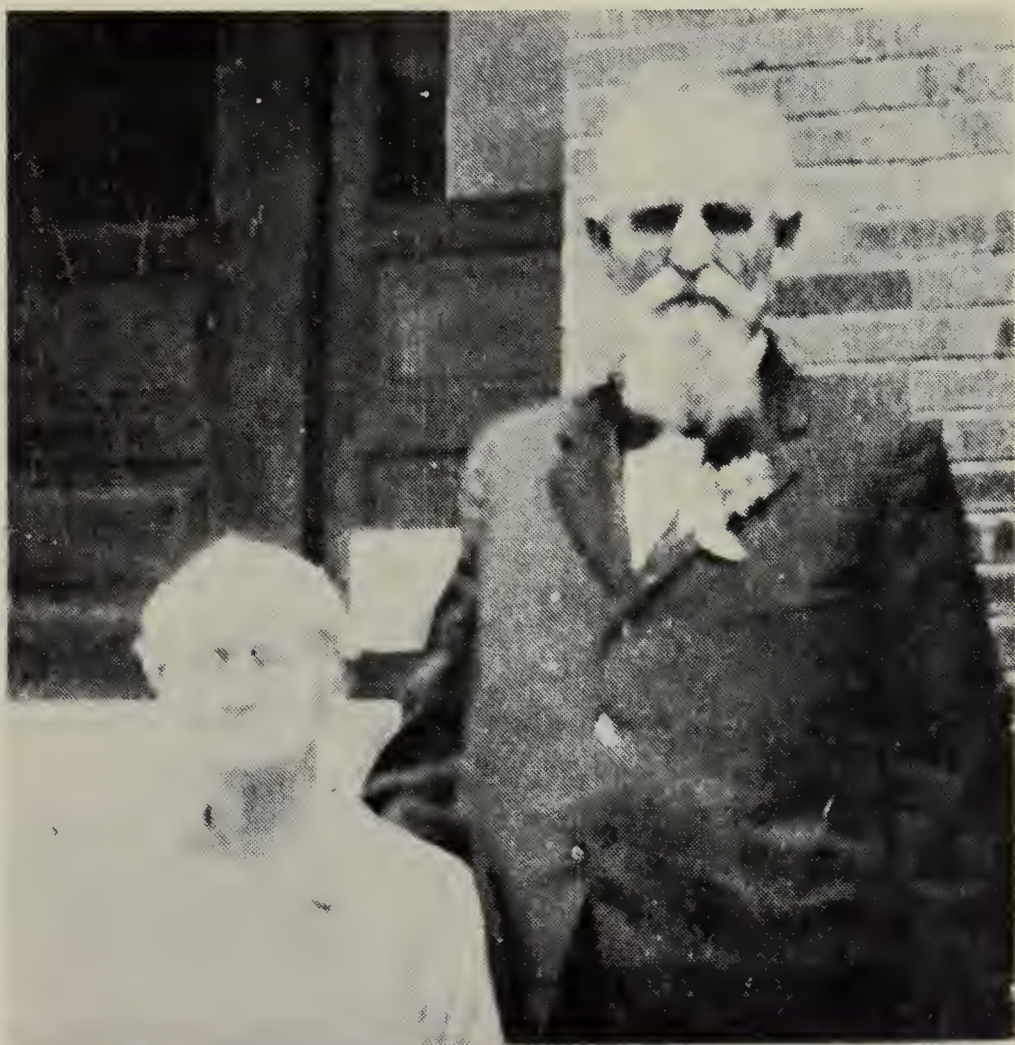


Burglar-Proof" safe did prove to be a tough adversary until the tremendously powerful final blast. Witnesses said that the school grounds opposite and in front of the bank were illuminated briefly by each explosion.

After the final blast, all of the bank's doors and windows were completely blown out, and pieces of currency and gold and silver coins were scattered all over the floor. Obviously working in a smoky haze, two of the bandits began quickly picking up the money. A mass of currency badly damaged and resembling a rat's nest, was left on the floor. This was thought to be \$1,000 of brand new currency only recently acquired by the bank.

Several families lived about 125 yards south of the bank. Mr. John Brown went out on his porch to investigate and then boldly walked toward the bank. Mr. Brown yelled at the lookout thief, "You boys ought to be ashamed of yourselves — stealing our money while we sleep!" The armed lookout thief yelled back, "Retire or get your d - - head shot off!" (Actual quotes.) Only at his daughter's pleading requests did Brown retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmer were also awakened by the blasts. Mr. Zimmer, who had no firearms in the house, ran out the back door to inform the night shift at the mill and others of the robbery in progress. After the final explosion, Mrs. Zimmer went out on her porch and yelled at her husband to hurry up or it would be too late. The lookout thief hollered at her to "Get back and be quiet or get killed!" Mrs. Zimmer retreated. She also heard the lookout thief urging the inside thieves to "Hurry up, they are after us", and "Scoop up the money and let's be gone."



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmer in later life. During robbery, lookout thief threatened to kill Mrs. Zimmer. Mr. Zimmer was first to organize armed posse.

By the time Mr. Zimmer organized a heavily armed posse, the robbers had completed their job and fled. By now, all of Steeleville's residents were aroused and excited. The bandits were tracked on foot through fields and woodlands. Although easily tracked because of soft earth, their pursuers were hampered by very thick fog. The correct trail was east, but near the town of Percy their trail was lost. In the meantime, heavily armed posses had been started in every other direction out of Steeleville. Within a few minutes after the robbery, telephone and telegraph messages concerning the robbery were sent out.

A later audit revealed that \$3,205.55, including \$100 worth of 2-cent stamps, had been stolen by the robbers. There was \$3,000 insurance on the contents of the safe, so the loss to the bank would be only the value of the safe and damaged building. The Merchant's Exchange Bank of Sparta (now the National Bank) sent a consignment of cash and business was resumed the very day of the robbery at the post office, which is a tribute to these early bank officers.

(Author's Note: When tracking the bandits, a quart whiskey bottle was found which contained about one-half inch of a yellowish fluid. This was later confirmed to be nitroglycerin!) There were no clues whatsoever in the robbery during the next few days. It was beginning to appear as if the robbers were going to get away with it. But, on January 31, the St. Louis Republic newspaper gave the following account.

Jerry Richtmyer* has been arrested and charged with being one of the three men who recently robbed the Steeleville, Illinois, bank. \$315.00 of the bank's money, much of which is mutilated by the explosion of nitroglycerin used to blow the safe, is now in the hands of St. Louis police. (* Sometimes spelled meyer.)

St. Louis Police Chief Kiely, Acting Chief of Detectives Keely, and Detectives Harrington and Cordell recovered the money about 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Although Richtmyer's apartment had been thoroughly searched by detectives after his arrest Thursday evening, the prisoner was placed in a patrol wagon and taken back to the house at 1311 Pine Street.

St. Louis Police Chief Kiely cunningly outwitted Richtmyer, leading to recovery of the \$5.00 bill featured in this article.



Chief Kiely had obtained information that the money was still in the apartment. The Chief deliberately entered the room first and took up a position

facing the door so he could see Richtmyer's face when he followed into the room. The Chief believed that Richtmyer by his first glance as he entered the room, would reveal the hiding place of the money if it indeed was still hidden in the room.

As the closely guarded and handcuffed prisoner stepped across the threshold under the steady glare of the Chief he did glance for a split-second toward the ceiling in one corner of the room. The Chief immediately noted the direction of the glance and began an examination of that part of the room. Although nearly perfectly camouflaged, upon close inspection it was noticed that a section of wallpaper, plaster, and lathing had been removed and carefully replaced. This part was taken out by Detective Cordell and wrapped in a piece of cloth was \$315 of currency, some of which was mutilated. Stunningly, the Chief had theorized correctly! In despair, Richtmyer said (actual quotes), "I guess the jig's up with me," and "I must say you are the smoothest in the business."

Richtmyer was then taken back to the police station. As he was being led into the Chief's office, he noticed Wm. Pinkerton, head of the famous Pinkerton Detective Agency, sitting there. "Hello, Bill," said the prisoner. Pinkerton replied, "How are you?" Richtmyer said, "Oh, I'm all right. The last time I saw you was in Denver about ten years ago." (All of these are actual quotes recorded by some unknown St. Louis newspaper reporter.)

Interrogated, Richtmyer revealed the names of the other two robbers and said that one got about \$1,000 worth of gold and silver coins, which crooks call "hard." He and he other robber split up all of the currency or "soft." He also said that if he hadn't been drunk he would have never recently gotten married. "If I was married, you police wouldn't have me here. You see, there was another fellow in love with my new bride Nellie. They were planning to be married until I blew into town three weeks ago. I know he turned me in and it's a cinch I'll get even with him when I get out of this. He can have Nellie now if she still wants him."

The "other fellow" had indeed notified police of Richtmyer's part in the robbery. Soon after the robbery, Richtmyer began spending the money. In two days, he spent and gave away \$400! (A heck of a spree even by today's standards!) While drunk, he talked too freely in the presence of the man who previously planned to marry Nellie. Revengefully, this jilted lover informed the St. Louis police.

Richtmyer's new bride, Nellie, even testified against her husband! Questioned by Chief Kiely, she stated that she had seen her husband counting a large roll of money while she was in bed Thursday morning. She also stated that she had seen him count the money at her mother's home at 410 Clark St.

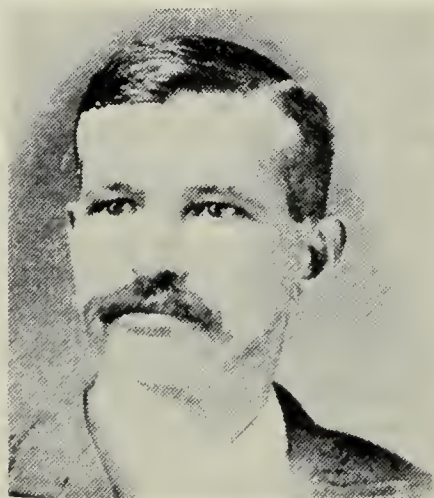
(Author's Note: When arrested, Richtmyer had only \$9.50, which with the \$315 found in the apartment cache and \$400 spent, leaves about \$300 missing. Richtmyer, of all things, said that this \$300 was stolen from him! He had also originally contended that he had "nothing to do with the robbery" and the money was "given" to him by one of the men who did rob the bank. He said that he hid the \$1,000 in a chimney hole at 415 South 6th Street and that someone must have seen him hiding the money. "When he went back to get the money, he said someone had stolen \$400 from the roll!")

The following was obtained from the February 6, 1903, edition of the Sparta, Illinois, News-Plaindealer newspaper. Randolph County State's Attorney Crisler and Deputy Sheriff Lashly went to St. Louis Saturday, and on Sun-

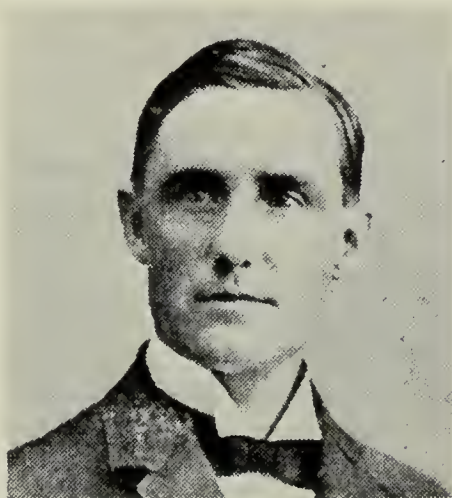
day took Steeleville bank robber Jerry Richtmyer to the Chester, Ill., jail. On Monday he was arraigned before Justice Simpson for preliminary examination. Richtmyer waived the examination and in default of bail, was returned to jail. Monday evening he was taken to the Belleville, Ill., jail for greater security until the March term of our circuit court.

The following was obtained from the March 19, 1903, edition of the Chester Herald-Tribune newspaper. During Circuit Court in Chester on Thursday, March 12, Steeleville bank robber Jerry Richtmyer was convicted of larceny and sentenced to serve 1 - 10 years in the Southern Illinois Penitentiary.

Before the trial Richtmyer claimed he had no money and the judge appointed Chester Attorney Don E. Detrich to defend him. Detrich's quick and gallant defense resulted in Richtmyer's acquittal of burglary because of a technicality. Of all things, no one could place Richtmyer at the scene of the robbery! Although convicted of larceny, a conviction of burglary could have resulted in an additional ten-year sentence.

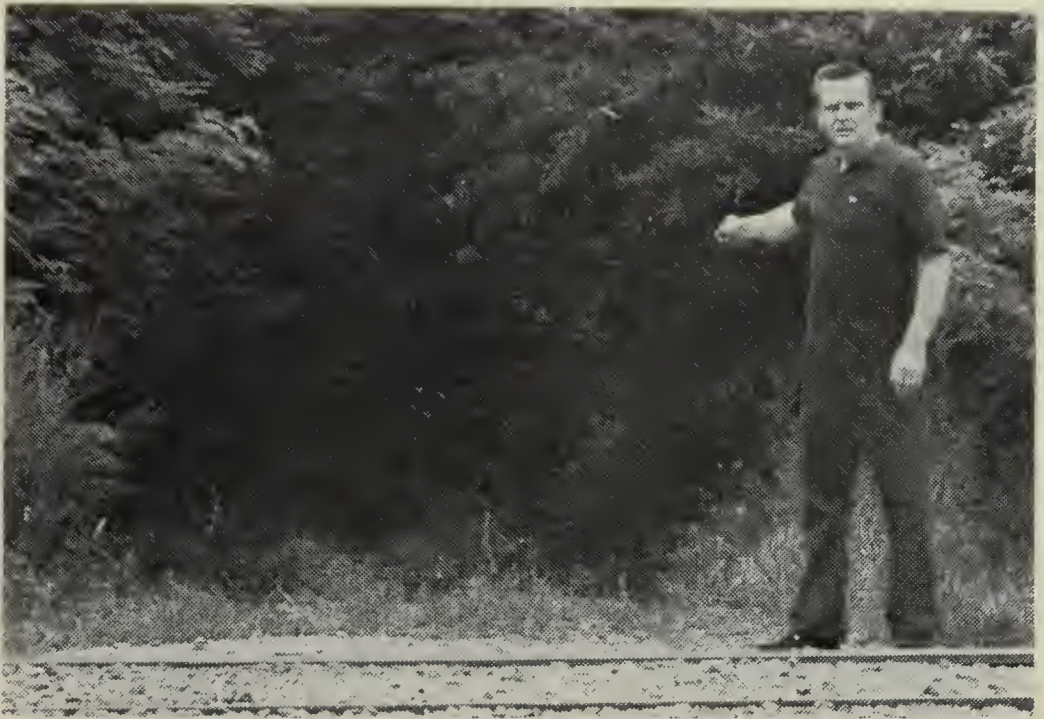


Attorney Don Detrich, with only a short time to prepare for the trial, expertly defended Richtmyer and saved the bank robber an additional 10-year sentence.



State's Attorney Crisler's seemingly "air tight" case against Richtmyer was frustrated by Detrich, his friend and fellow Chester resident.

The most damaging testimony against Richtmyer came from Wm. Donnelly of Percy, who worked in a coal mine near Willisville. About 5:00 a.m. on the morning of the bank robbery, Donnelly was walking to work on the railroad tracks about two miles south of Percy when three men walked from the road onto the tracks ahead of him. He followed along behind them for a few minutes and then passed them. While passing the three men, one asked him, "How far is it to the station where the train stops?" He told them and continued on to Willisville which was only a short distance ahead. As he and the three men neared the depot, the headlight of the approaching train illuminated the three men. Donnelly said that he "got a good look at them" and that one of them was definitely Richtmyer. Amazingly, the bandits escaped by train to St. Louis. Donnelly had also picked Richtmyer out of a 30-man police "line-up" shortly after his arrest.



The exact spot the three bank robbers came onto the railroad tracks ahead of Donnelly is located approximately 1,400 yards north of the former Willisville train depot. Author pointing to the old road.

Detectives Cordell and Harrington of the St. Louis Police Dept., and others also testified for the prosecution. One of the \$5.00 bills found in Richtmyer's apartment cache was also entered as evidence during the trial. The note had a small missing piece from the lower left hand corner. This small missing piece had been found on the floor of the Steeleville bank's safe, and matched perfectly!

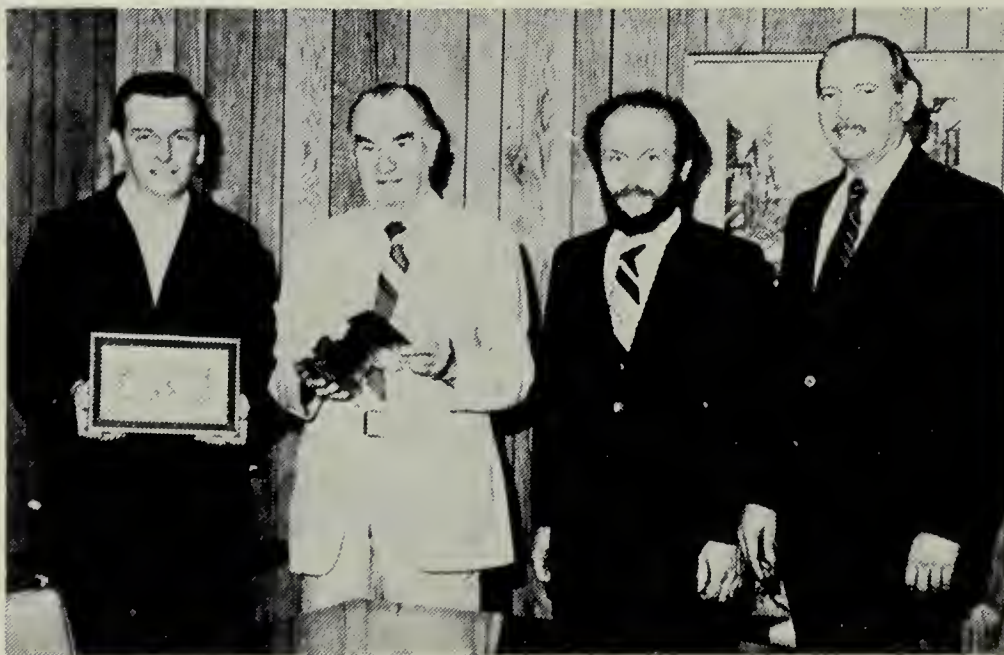


The legendary \$5.00 bill with the small missing piece in the lower left-hand corner. Today, no-one knows the location of the small missing piece.

During his defense lawyer's final summation to the jury, Richtmyer sat quietly in a chair rocking slowly back and forth on the chair's two back legs. Every few seconds a large tear would roll down his cheek. In addition to being a known "police character," Richtmyer was obviously a fine actor. The jury deliberated five hours before returning their verdict.

From this terrible beginning, the First National Bank of Steeleville has grown into Randolph County's largest bank. The bank even over-shadows banks in the much larger towns of Sparta and Chester. Obviously, the bank's officers have been outstanding from 1902 to the present. In fact, today the bank is one of the most financially powerful in all of southern Illinois, recently ranking 9th in assets out of 70 banks.

It is easy to visualize that the bank's legendary \$5.00 bill has been noticed thousands of times throughout the years by area and non-area residents entering the bank. Perhaps some even took a few steps to get closer to the note or wanted to ask a question about it. But then most inevitably thought, "Aw, it's just an old \$5.00 bill," and moseyed on about their business.



The First National Bank of Steeleville today. Left to right: The author holding the legendary note; bank officers Mr. Wm. Werre, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ken Kruse, Vice President, Mr. Darl Bollman, President. Mr. Werre, grandson of one of the bank's original founders, is holding the old "minnte's book" which was also severely damaged by the 1903 nitroglycerin blast.

However, after reading this article, you must agree that "the old \$5.00 bill" is a part of historical "paper Americana" and must be considered priceless. It is highly probable and obvious that this note's experience is unique, perhaps in the entire United States! Hereafter, the note should never again suffer the indignity of being thought of as "just an old \$5.00 bill." It is one of Steeleville's historical treasures.

(Author's Final Notations: The other two robbers were also caught and sentenced to prison. Because his article deals with the \$5.00 bill's story, their names and experiences were intentionally omitted. I also highly suggest that no-one try to "blow the safe" of the bank today. It is sealed in 8-inch thick steel, has a time lock, burglar alarms, etc., etc., and district state police headquarters are but a few miles away!

Ironically, Richtmyer's time in prison was spent only 14 miles from the bank he robbed. The prison's records were sent to the Illinois State Archives in Springfield. Despite nearly 80 hours of time and research on this article, I was unable to locate a photograph of Jerry Richtmyer or how long he served in prison. However, the entire true story of the \$5.00 bill was uncovered, which was my original goal.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Although an amateur author, I was somewhat surprised with the response to my information requests. Without exception, all of these individuals did everything possible to help me with this article. I thank each of them, for without their assistance this article would not be as complete as it is or may never have been written.

1. Officers of the First National Bank of Steeleville.
2. The Sparta, Illinois, News-Plaindealer newspaper. Mr. Wm. Morgan, editor and owner, and employee Gloria Hissong.
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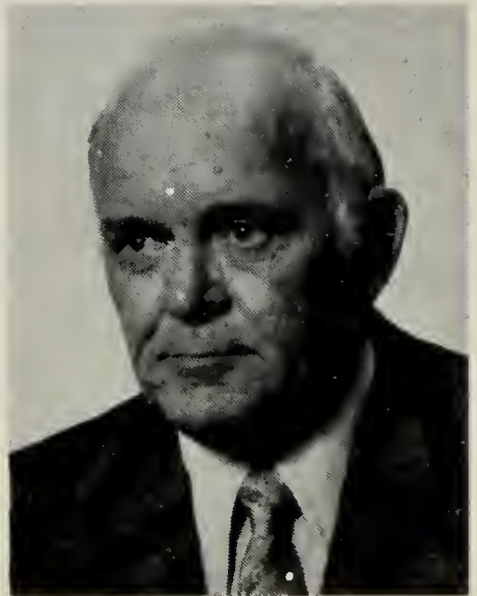
BROWNVILLE

The town of Brownville, Nebraska was named after Richard Brown, who arrived in Brownville on August 29, 1854. Mr. Brown lived in Brownville for several years before moving to Texas. Thomas B. Edwards and his wife arrived a few weeks later and Mrs. Edwards was reported to be the first white woman to live in Brownville.

Taulbird Edwards built the first permanent building in the town and the first white child to be born was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, who was born October 20, 1854. Samuel Stiers and Nancy Swift were married by Rev. Joel M. Wood in October, 1854, and gained the distinction of being the first couple to be married at Brownville.

H. S. Thorpe was the first school teacher who held school in a log cabin near main street. This cabin was also used for the first District Court to hold their meetings. The first frame school building was erected in 1856 and was later used as a home.

The first general store was opened by William Hoblitzell and Isaac T. Whyte in March, 1855. Crane & McCallister opened the second general store in 1857. Crane & McAllister were suppliers of merchandise for Denver and other points west. J. C. Deuser



was the first tinsmith to open shop in Barownville and William T. Den was the first shoemaker.

The first steam mill was started by Herny and Jerome Hoover and was completed by Richard Brown, Samuel Rogers, and Henry Emerson in 1855. Richard Brown was one of the original incorporators of the Nemaha Valley Bank of Brownville and Samuel Rogers became a part owner of this bank on March 18, 1857.

Joel M. Wood built the first hotel in Brownville on Main Street in 1855 and Dr. A. S. Holladay arrived in November, 1855, to become the first physician and druggist. Daniel L. McGary arrived in February, 1856, to become the first lawyer, and Richard Brown was the first postmaster.

The first settlers (1854 and 1855) were listed as follows: Richard Brown, Rev. Joel M. Wood, Frederick Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Taulbird and Josiah Edwards, Houston Russell, J. W. Coleman, Allen L. Coate, Israel R. Cumming, A. J. Benedict, H. W. and O. F. Lake, W. A. Finney, Hiram Alderman, Capt. Thurber, W. H. Hoover, Homer Johnson, R. J. Whitney, Matt Alderman, Eli Fishburn, B. B. Chapman, Hudson Clayton, Capt. I. T. Whyte, William Roblitzell, I. N. Knight, Dr. J. Hoover, William Hall, and Dr. A. S. Holladay.

Mr. A. T. Andreas, in his "History of the State of Nebraska," published in 1882, made the following statements for the period of 1857 and 1858. "The following picture of Brownville a quarter of century ago, when between 40 and 50 steamers were plying regularly in the Missouri River trade, is painted by an early settler. The boundaries of Brownville were mostly between Atlantic and College streets and between Second and the river.

There were three general stores in town. Dr. McPherson kept one where the Star Hotel now stands, with R. P. Hutchins as clerk. McCalister, Dozier & Co. kept another on Main Street, west of the alley between Levee and First, with Theodore Hill and Robert Teare as clerks. The third was kept by I. T. Whyte and Co. (originally W. Hoblitzell's) at the northwest corner of First and Main streets, with R. T. Rainey as clerk.

William Rossell kept the Grand Hotel in a log cabin on Main street. Governors, judges, and other dignitaries always put up at Rossell's. Taulbird Edwards kept the old American, now one of the old landmarks, and kept by L. Robinson. Den was pegging his way to fortune by working 18 hours a day and resting himself on Sunday by taking his dog and gun and rambling over hills in search of game. His humble shoe shop was near the American.

Dr. Holladay had a drug store and the post office up Main street. The "Advertiser" office was in the vicinity. Lushbaugh and Carson, bankers, were in full blast on the north side of Main, and Dave Seigel had his "mammoth" stock of clothing in the building now used as a gunsmith shop by the veteran Craddock. The Nemaha Valley Bank was flourishing on Lower Main street, and there was a convenient saloon near the corner of First and Main.

To show the importance attained by Brownville as a business point within

two years after the arrival of Richard Brown, in 1854, the first issue of the first newspaper (the "Advertiser of June 7, 1856) claims that the village contained at that date two dry goods and grocery stores, a schoolhouse, church, courthouse, steam saw mill, lath and shingle machine, cabinet shop, two blacksmith shops, one banking house, one hotel, several boarding houses, and a population of 400 persons.

In the early days, and under the position that a Southern man had as much right to take his slaves to the Territories as a Northern man had to carry his horses or cattle with him, several slaves were brought to Brownville. Richard Brown, founder of the town, brought one from Holt County, Missouri, and Col. G. H. Nixon, first Registrar of the Land Office, was the proprietor of two or three that were brought from his old home in Tennessee. Col. Nixon was a strong pro-slavery man, and on the breaking out of the rebellion, he went South and fought for his own side.

At the close of the war, he met one of his former slaves who was engaged in teaching a colored school. The Colonel greeted him heartily and said to him, "You are not qualified to teach your people, but I want to help you, and will see that you have an education." After a thorough common schoolcourse, the "boy" again went South, and is now at the head of a Southern seminary for the education of colored children. Thus, it will be seen that the early settlers of Otoe County are mistaken in the supposition there were no slaves in any other county but their own."

Mr. Andreas also states that Brownville was surveyed by Allen L. Coate on the 30th of April, 1856. Richard Brown and Benjamin B. Frazier were the proprietors. The location was on fractional Section 18, Town 5, Range 16. West Brownville was surveyed on July 10, 1857; T. W. Bedford, sur-

veyor; J. M. Chapel, Augustus and Herman Kountz, and William Ruth, proprietors; located on the northeast quarter of Section 13, Town 5, Range 16. (Augustus Kountz owned the Bank of Dakota City and opened a banking business with Herman and his other brothers in Omaha, Nebraska. This Omaha bank was merged with the First National Bank of Omaha in July of 1865).

North Brownville was surveyed on January 15, 1858; Hudson George, surveyor; with Richard Brown, Lemina Brown, C. W. Wheeler, Anna Wheeler, John McDonough and Ellen McDonough, proprietors; located on Lot 2, Section 18, Town 5, Range 16. Middle Brownville was surveyed July 3, 1858; T. W. Bedford, surveyor; James and Susan Ferguson, proprietors; located on Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Town 5, Range 16. East Brownville was surveyed May 8, 1867; J. M. Hacker, surveyor; Luther and Mary Hoadley, proprietors; located on the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Town 5, Range 16. A survey and plat had previously been made in 1857, but the foregoing is the only official record.

Emerson's Addition to Brownville was surveyed May 9, 1867; J. M. Hacker, surveyor; Henry Emerson, proprietor; located on a fraction of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Town 5, Range 16. Brownville was organized by the Territorial Legislature on the 23rd of February, 1856. The first meeting of the Town Council was held at the house of H. S. Thorpe. The first officers were: Dr. A. S. Holladay, Mayor; Richard Brown, H. S. Thorpe and William Thurber, Aldermen; Oscar F. Lake, Recorder (R. T. Rainey had been chosen, but declined); Joel M. Wood, Treasurer.

The Nemaha Valley Bank of Brownville received its charter from the Territorial Legislature on January 18, 1856. The original incorporators of this bank were Clement Brown, James S.

Brown, Benjamin B. Frazier, Volney Brown, Richard M. Waterman, and Richard Brown. This was the usual charter with the capital stock of \$50,000 and the authorization to print and distribute bank notes, bonds, and certificates of indebtedness.

The following men joined the management of the Nemaha Valley Bank in July of 1856: Samuel H. Riddle, Henn (this may have been Bernhart Henn, who was a member of Congress in Washington in 1854 from the Iowa District, as all of the other new members of the management team for this bank were from Council Bluffs, Iowa), Williams & Company, and Benjamin R. Pegram. With the change in management, contracts were entered into for the construction of a new two-story, brick building, to be erected at the corner of Main and Second streets. This was the location of the bank after the completion of the building in the fall of 1857.

The management was again changed on March 18, 1857, when Samuel H. Riddle and Benjamin R. Pegram sold their interests in the bank to Jones, Barkalow, Rogers, Davidson and Associates. The bank again changed management in July, 1857, when T. L. Mackoy of Galesburg, Illinois became the President of the institution.

Mr. Mackoy announced that notes of this bank would be redeemed at current rates in Brownville, by E. J. Tinkham and Co., Bankers, Chicago; John J. Anderson and Co., Bankers, St. Louis; Warren County Bank, Monmouth, Illinois; and T. L. Mackoy and Co., Bankers, Galesburg, Illinois.

This bank suspended payment of its obligations in September, 1857, because of the panic in money matters throughout the country. The bank started to again redeem their notes in November, 1857, but when the District Court decided that their charter had been violated, the redemption was stopped, and J. L. Carson, O. B. Hew-

ett, and J. S. Minick were appointed trustees to wind up the affairs of the bank.

This bank probbaly changed hands more times than any other bank in the state of Nebraska, and at the time of its failure, the bank was under the management of its cashier, Alexander Hallam.

Two different types of notes were printed for this bank, with the first type being printed by Wellstood, Hay

and Whiting. This type is known in the denominations of \$1 and \$2. The second type was printed by Toppan, Carpenter, and Co. This type is known in the denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10.

With all of the changes in management of this institution, the collector of these notes will be able to find several different signature combinations to look for, as well as looking for the various types and denominations.



This \$1.00 note is of the first issue and is rarer than the \$5.00 and \$10.00 notes which are from the second issue. The \$1 note has several signatures, but the \$5 note is signed by Hallam and Riddle, while the \$10 note is signed by Hallam and Barkalow.

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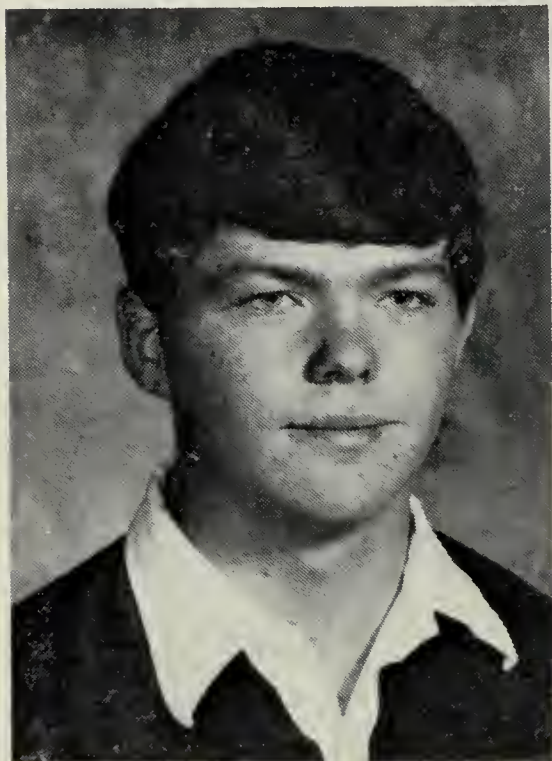
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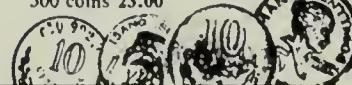
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By CAROLINE STONE

Editor's Note: Although the holiday season with which the Three Wise Men are traditionally associated is now past, this interesting article on the origins of the Three Kings speculates on several fascinating questions peripherally related to numismatics. It is reprinted with permission from **Aramco World Magazine**.

In the traditional Christmas story, the Three Wise Men — also called the Three Kings of the East and the Magi — came to Bethlehem on Twelfth Night bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

A fascinating part of the Christmas story, the Three Kings were endlessly painted, from the second century — when they first appear in the catacomb of Santa Priscilla in Rome — to the present, and in one mosaic, in Ravenna, they are named: Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar.

Later they added a touch of exotic splendor to dramas and miracle plays of the Middle Ages, and for children, in certain countries, replaced Saint Nicholas or Father Christmas as bearers of gifts. Furthermore, their feast day, the Epiphany, on January 6, was one of the most ancient of the church, as well as being, in Europe, more important than Christmas itself.

And yet the Wise Men are mentioned by only one of the Evangelists, Matthew, and even then in only a few verses: “. . . wise men from the east came to Jerusalem . . . and lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother . . . and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:1,9-11)

In the Koran — which has a very beautiful description of the Nativity (See “Aramco World,” November -

December 1971) — the Three Kings are not mentioned at all. The story, nevertheless, was known throughout the East from an early date — possibly because the gospels existed in Arabic. They were translated, according to the authoritative collection of traditions by al-Bukhari, by the uncle of Khadija, the Prophet Muhammad's first wife.

Where did the Three Kings come from? The question was much discussed and never entirely resolved. John of Hildesheim, who in the 14th century wrote one of the most popular accounts of the Three Kings, maintained that Melchior came from Arabia, which he describes thus:

Now ye shall understand that there be three Indies of which these three lords were kings. In the first India was the land of Nubia and also the land of Arabia; and in those lands reigned Melchior at the time that Christ was born. Now, a man may lightly sail into this India out of Egypt and Syria by the Red Sea. And pilgrims and merchants that pass from India by the Red Sea say that all the ground of the Red Sea is so red that the water above seems as though it were red wine, notwithstanding that the water is of the color that water is . . . And in that land is found gold . . . and that gold is the best gold that is in all the world.

According to John of Hildesheim, Melchior, the “smallest in stature,” brought gold as his offering — including the treasure of Alexander the Great and “all the ornaments that the

Queen of Saba (Sheba) offered in Solomon's temple." Among Alexander's treasures was a golden apple and 30 pieces of money, gathered as tribute from all over the world. These, according to tradition, were the "30 pieces of silver" for which Christ at last was betrayed.

The second king, Balthazar, was from Saba where "there groweth incense more than in all the other places of the world; it drippeth out of certain trees in the manner of gum."

Gaspar, the third king, this account says, came from a mysterious kingdom called Tharsis: "In his isles myrrh groweth more plentiful than in any other place in the world. It groweth like ears of wheat . . ." According to John of Hildesheim, Gaspar was the "tallest of person and a black Ethiope without any doubt."

The significance of their gifts is well known from Christmas carols, or this hymn translated from the Latin of Prudentius and dating back to the early Church:

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
Incense doth their God disclose,
Gold the King of Kings proclaimeth,
Myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

This is precisely the interpretation given by the Arab historian al-Tabari, writing in the ninth century, who gives as his source Wahb ibn Munabbih, born about A. D. 654. They went out to search for him, al-Tabari writes, bearing gold and myrrh and incense, and on the way they met the King of Syria, Herod, who asked them what they were seeking. When they told him, he replied:

"What is the meaning of the gold, the myrrh and the frankincense, which you are offering in preference to all other gifts?" An they said: "These are smyabolic of Him, for gold is the lord of the material world, and this prophet is the lord of the people of his time; and myrrh is used to heal wounds and sores and

thus God through this prophet will heal the crippled and the sick; and the smoke of incense reaches heaven as does no other smoke, and thus this prophet will be raised to God in heaven as no other prophet of his time shall be."

In the 12th century, Saint Bernard offered a more practical interpretation. He proposed that the gold was given to Mary "to relieve her poverty, incense against the stench of the stable . . . and myrrh . . . to put away vermin." It never became popular.

Much to the annoyance of the orthodox theologians, one of the Three King's titles, "the Magi," inevitably continued to be associated in the popular mind with magicians. But Ludolph of Saxony, a contemporary of John of Hildesheim, in his popular *Vita Christi*, suggested that there was another reason for using the term "Magi".

The three pagan kings were called Magi not because they were magicians but because of the great science of astrology which was theirs. Those whom the Hebrews called scribes and the Greeks, philosophers, and the Latins, wise men, the Persians called Magi. And the reason that they were all called kings is that in those days it was the custom for the philosophers and wise men to be rulers . . .

The Arab historians: Yaqut al-Hamawi and al-Mas'udi both give versions of the legend associating the Three Kings with fire worship. Al-Mas'udi tells the story as follows:

In the province of Fars they tell you of a well called the Well of Fire, near which there was a temple built. When the Messiah was born the king of Koresh sent three messengers to him, the first of whom carried a bag of Incense, the second a bag of Myrrh, and the third a bag of Gold. They set out under the guidance of the Star which the king had described to them, arrived in Syria

and found the Messiah with Mary His Mother. This story of the three messengers is related by the Christians with sundry exaggerations; it is found in the Gospel. Thus they say that the Star appeared to Koresh at the moment of Christ's birth; that it went on when the messengers went on, and stopped when they stopped . . . It will be seen that Mary gave the King's messengers a round loaf, and this, after different adventures, they hid under a rock in the province of Fars. The loaf disappeared underground, and there they dug a well, on which they beheld two columns of fire to start up flaming at the surface; in short, all the details of the legend will be found in our annals.

According to Yaqut al-Hamawi the temple was at Sis, or Takht-i-Sulaiman — The Throne of Solomon. This is interesting because in Persian tradition, Zoroaster was born nearby, at Urmiyah, and as recently as 1951 the story that the Magi were buried there was still current.

When Marco Polo was in Persia, probably in about 1271 or 1272, he too was shown the tomb of the Magi:

In Persia is the city of Saba, from which the Three Magi set out and in this city they are buried, in three very large and beautiful monuments, side by side. And above them is a square building, beautifully kept. The bodies are still entire, with hair and beard remaining . . . Messer Marco Polo asked a great many questions of the people of that city as to those Three Kings . . .

At Saba, they could tell him very little, but further on, at "the Castle of the Fireworshippers," he heard a story very similar to that of al-Mas'udi's; clearly it was the version current in the East. Again, there is a flaming well — one is tempted to think

of ignited oil seeps in that part of the world — just as there is a very old Christian myth that the star descended into a well between Bethlehem and Jerusalem and can still be seen there by the pious.

The place of the tomb of the Magi is also much debated. It is generally agreed that they died in the East — some say in India, where they are associated with St. Thomas and his place of martyrdom at Madras. Others claim that they died and were buried in Hadhramaut, where they were discovered by St. Helena while she was searching for the True Cross. She brought the bodies back to Constantinople and reburied them in Hagia Sofia. Later they were taken to Milan and at last, in the 12th century, were transported to Cologne, where they rest to this day.

It is hardly surprising, with all their wanderings, that the Three Kings became the patrons of travelers. In art, they are most often represented offering their presents to the baby Jesus, but occasionally they are shown on their wanderings.

They are illustrated thus in the **Tres Riches Heures du Duc de Berry**, perhaps the most famous of all Western manuscripts, painted by the Limburg brothers a few months before they all three died in the great plague. The Three Kings appear on horseback with their retinues at the meeting of the three ways — always a place of mystery — outside Jerusalem. Their sumptuous clothes, flowing beards, and glittering scimitars proclaim them kings from the Arab East, and the glowing colors lend the little painting something of the look of a Persian miniature. For a moment, the sober Christian story seems to shimmer and blend into the marvelous tales of **The Thousand and One Nights**.

What was the star the Magi followed and which plays such a prominent part in almost all versions of their story?

One theory that has often been advanced is that was Halley's Comet which, incidentally, is on its way toward earth again; it will be seen in March 1986 and possibly photographed and measured in detail by several spacecraft. The idea is very attractive, for besides being spectacular, Halley's Comet has appeared again and again at critical moments in history: in A.D. 66, when according to Joesphus "a star like a sword" hung over Jerusalem just before the destruction of the city; in 451, when Attila the Hun was defeated; in 607, just before the rise of Islam; in 1066, on the eve of the Norman Conquest (the star is to be seen in the Bayeux Tapestry); in 1456, as the Turks were massing to invade Europe . . .

There is, however, a problem: Halley's Comet had a period of about 76 years and must, therefore, have appeared in 12 B.C., which is too early for Christ's birth even if it took place in 4 B.C. — as many Biblical historians think — rather than in the conventional A.D. 1.

This is a little confusing, but it does not mean that the star which shone over Bethlehem was not a comet. For thousands of years, comets have been considered harbingers of great events; a Babylonian stone tablet from about 1140 B.C. gives this description: ". . . a comet arose whose body was bright like the day, while from its luminous body a tail extended like the sting of a scorpion . . ." And though the past 50 years have been very poor in these visitors from outer space, other times — last century, for example — have been much richer, with great comets which shone by day or with tails 200 million miles long, which streamed across the heavens. Since comets seem to appear in clusters, it is perfectly possible that Halley's Comet was followed by another even more brilliant: the Magi's Star.

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THE COINFIDENCE CORNER

by Bill Quarles

Beginning with this issue, Bill Quarles will write a regular counterfeit detection feature for **The Centinel**. If there are particular aspects of counterfeit and altered coin detection you'd like to see discussed in future issues of **The Centinel**, write to Bill at 5464 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217. — Ed

The purpose of this column is to help the collector choose his coins more wisely and help him build the confidence that he can recognize altered and counterfeit coins when they are offered to him.

While we will naturally discuss the characteristics of altered and counterfeit coins of various dates and mint marks, we will place a greater stress on being able to recognize the die characteristics of genuine coins of a given date and mint mark.

Since there may be several different sources making a counterfeit coin of a given date, if you try to protect yourself by recognizing the characteristics of the bad coin, you'll have a far harder time than if you concentrate on remembering the characteristics of the genuine article, which, of course, comes from only one source, the mint itself.

Detecting counterfeit and altered coins does not require expensive and sophisticated equipment. A high quality loupe, a good light, and above all, numismatic knowledge, are the key ingredients to avoiding spurious coins.

In this and future columns we will be looking at some of the most commonly collected key and semi-key date coins. Our hope is that readers of **The Centinel** will become more familiar with the coins we will be discussing through

these articles.

It seems appropriate to start with probably the most popular and sought after of all key date coins, the 1909-S VDB Lincoln Cent. In examining this coin the points to pay particular attention to are the "S" mint mark and the designer's initials.

The mint mark of the genuine 1909-S VDB has serifs that are vertical and parallel to each other. A tiny lump of metal can usually be seen on the lower back portion of the upper loop. High grade examples will often show a depressed groove on the upper serif.

This same genuine "S" punch was used on many other early coins from the San Francisco mint, including other Lincoln Cents, some Walking Liberty Half Dollars, many Indian \$5 and \$10, St. Gaudens \$20, and on all gold \$1, \$2½, and \$50 commemoratives struck for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The "S" that is most often added to genuine 109 VDB Cents appears to sit on top of the field, rather than having been struck as part of the coin. It has a down-turned lower serif that is diagonal rather than vertical. This same false mint mark is often added to other early Lincolns, late date Indian Head Cents, and quarters dated 1896-S, 1901-S, 1913-S, and 1932-S.

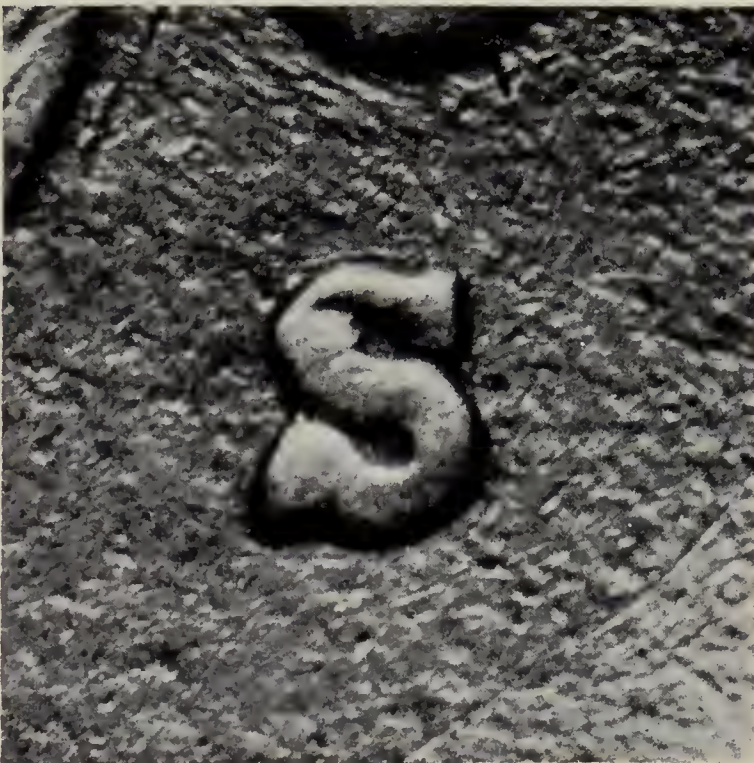
The letter "B" of Victor D. Brenner's initials on the reverse of the genuine 1909-S VDB has a diagonal center crossbar, which appears to slope downward from Northeast to Southwest. The lower loop of the B is only slightly larger than the upper loop.

The center crossbar of the B that is often added has a horizontal center

Genuine



Added S



crossbar and the lower loop of the B is noticeably larger than the upper loop. The shape of the V and D is also more open and rounded than the genuine.

The periods after the initials should not be considered diagnostic either by their presence or absence. They are nothing more than tiny "dents" in the die and could easily become clogged with dirt or debris during striking. That dirt could later have fallen out of the die, and that one die, during a production run, could have produced coins with one or more periods partially missing.

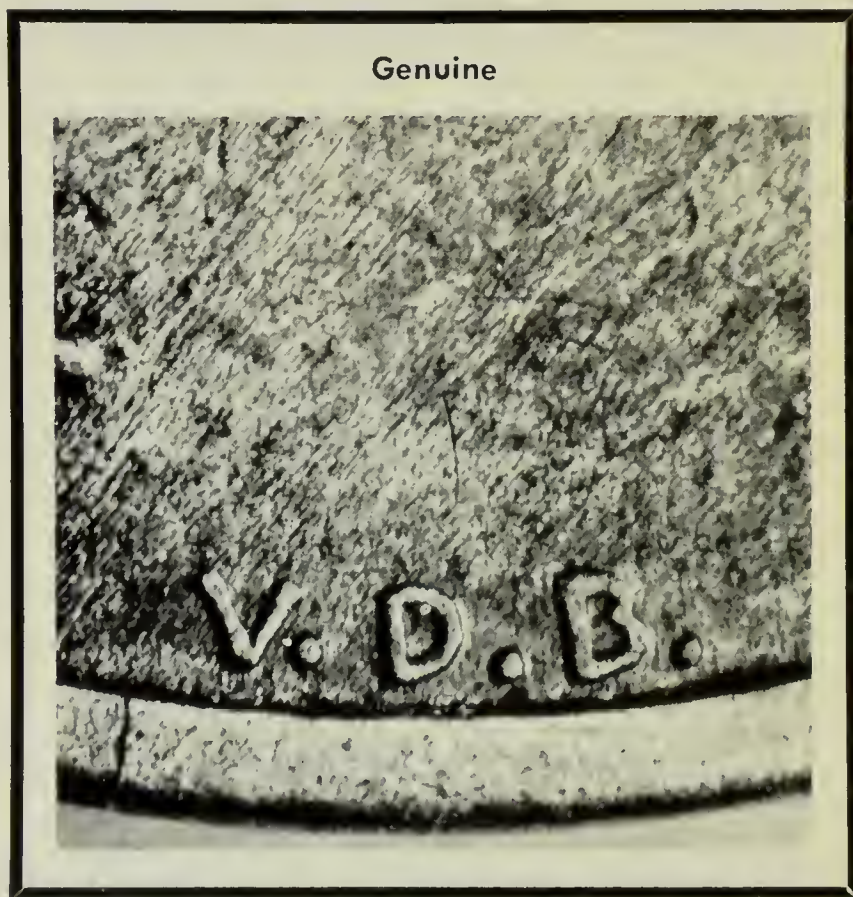
Please note also that the coin in the genuine photo shows very clear metal flow lines. These flow lines are produced when the planchet is struck by

the die and the pressure causes the metal to move or flow, to form the final relief of the coin.

On a high grade genuine coin these flow lines and their continuity can be seen both in the field and the mint mark. By contrast, the altered 1909-S VDB in the photo has been whizzed around the mint mark to hide evidence of the addition of the S. This action has also destroyed flow lines in the area.

If you are considering adding a 1909-S VDB to your collection, I hope this information will help you to buy more wisely.

Knowledge is the most important tool of any collector. A collector should never hesitate to accumulate



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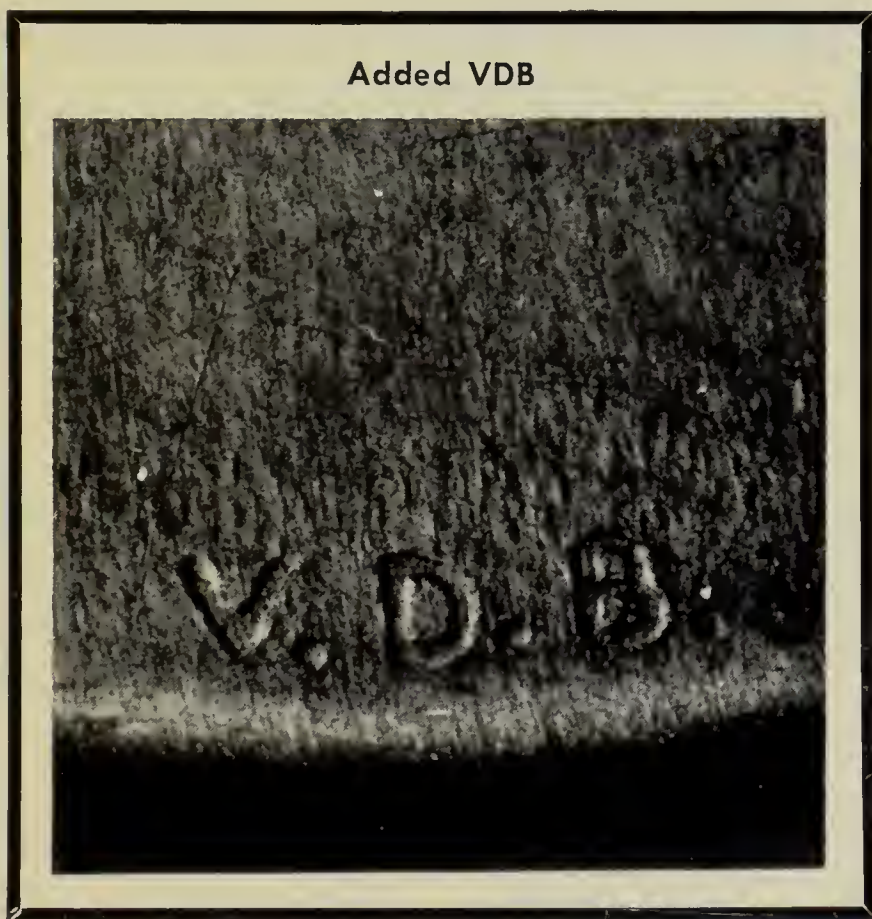
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potential purchaser.

Since the primary purpose of this column is to help CSNS members choose their coins more confidently, I want to encourage the members to write and let me know the coins you would like to see discussed in future editions of **The Centinel**.

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Members of the Central States Numismatic Society will shortly be asked to cast their votes for the candidates they feel will be most qualified to govern our organization during the coming two years. In addition to the office of President, First and Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, there are 13 Board of Governors slots available.

The biographies of the candidates appear below. Where more than one candidate is seeking a particular office, the order in which the biographies appears was determined by a double blind drawing.

PRESIDENT —

Kurt R. Krueger, Wisconsin

1971 winner of Outstanding Young Numismatic Award from American Numismatic Assn.; 1976 winner of Outstanding Adult Advisor Award from American Numismatic Assn.; has served Numismatists of Wisconsin as Editor, Board Member, and President; founder Numismatic Editors and Writers Society as well as Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Assn.;

Contributing editor to **Standard Catalogue of World Coins** and **The Standard Catalogue of Mexican Coins**; contributor to **Standard Catalogue of World Paper Money**, **The Standard Catalogue of Altered and Counterfeit Coins**, **The Official A. N. A. Grading Guide**, and **The Black Book**; author of **Meet Me In St. Louis**; member of the American Numismatic Assn. Board of Governors; past President of Milwaukee Numismatic Society; currently serves as CSNS First Vice-President; two time winner of Elston Bradfield Literary Award from CSNS.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT —

John H. Cain, Missouri

Life member of CSNS, Heart of America Numismatic Society, and ANA. Presently serves as Second Vice President of CSNS, after having completed three terms on CSNS Board of Governors. Appointed to the 1968 United States Assay Commission by President Lyndon Johnson.

Past President of Heart of America

Numismatic Assn. Past Secretary of HANA for five years. Co-chairman of 1959 and 1975 Central States Conventions in Kansas City, as well as for numerous locally sponsored shows. ANA Club Representative. Professional restaurateur, currently serving as Vice-President of Kansas City chapter of Missouri Restaurant Assn. Active in Kansas City area civic affairs.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT —

Leon Hendrickson, Indiana

Started in numismatics in late 1940's and first began selling coins from a small cigar case while in the restaurant business. Subsequently sold his restaurant and founded Silver Towne Coin Company which he operates with his wife and children. Silver Towne now employs a staff of twenty-five.

Travels to at least 45 local, state, regional, and national coin shows each year. Life member of ANA, CSNS, RCDA, PNG, Indiana State, Penn-Ohio, Blue Ridge, Alabama, and Michigan State numismatic organizations. Is also a member of many other state clubs, as well as local clubs in his own area. Currently serves as a member of CSNS Board.

SECRETARY-TREASURER —

Marjorie M. Owen, Iowa

Life member of CSNS and Iowa Numismatic Assn. Past President of Des Moines Coin Club. Currently serves on Board of Directors of Iowa Numis-

matic Assn. Awarded CSNS Medal of Merit in 1977 and was a recipient of Krause Publication's Numismatic Ambassador Award in 1981.

Involved in numismatics for 25 years as an exhibitor, bourse chairperson, and in various other capacities at state and regional coin shows. Currently serving her sixth year as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Dick Grinolds, Minnesota

President, Northwest Coin Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul. President, Minnesota Paper Money Society. Past President, Apache Coin Club. Vice-President, Minnesota International Numismatists. Director, Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON). Preconvention coordinator for 1985 CSNS Convention in Minneapolis.

Recipient of J. Mortimore Pugh Memorial Award as outstanding member of MOON, 1980-81. Show chairman for five local and regional clubs. Frequent contributor to numismatic publications and catalogues. Member of CSNS, ANA, TAMS, AVA, CWTS, and numerous other numismatic organizations. Twenty years experience in numismatics. Did graduate and undergraduate work at University of Minnesota.

GOVERNOR —

Ken Saville, Illinois

Active in numismatics for 20 years. Proprietor of Gaslight Coins in Glenview, Illinois, for the past five years. General Chairman of monthly coin show in Niles, Illinois, for past three years. Member of American Numismatic Assn., Token and Medals Society, Society of Paper Money Collectors, and ECC.

Married for 15 years and the father of two sons. Attends numerous local, state, regional, and national coin shows.

GOVERNOR —

Don R. Hudson, Indiana

Past President of Capitol City Coin Club. Three times chosen as President of Indianapolis Coin Club and currently serving on their Board. Past First Vice-President of Indiana State Numismatic Assn. Editor for four years of Indiana State News and current Historian of Indiana State.

ANA District and Club Rep. Specialist in U. S. Coins, with a special interest in counterfeit and altered coins. Frequent speaker on detection of counterfeit and altered coins. Has chaired several Indiana State Conventions and was General Chairman for 1981 Central States Convention in Indianapolis. Has served two terms on CSNS Board.

GOVERNOR —

Leonard M. Owen, Nebraska

Member ANA, CSNS, NNA, and SPMC. Past President and Past Secretary of Omaha Coin Club. Past President and incumbent Director of Byron Reed Historical Society. Member of Cataloguing Committee of the Byron Reed Historical Society. Presently completing his second term on CSNS Board of Governors, with a 100% attendance record at all Board meetings.

Author of various articles on Nebraska Obsolete Currency, Territorial Warrants, Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and Nebraska Territorial History, which have appeared in **The Centinel**, the **Antique Trader** and various other hobby publications. Past recipient of CSNS Elston Bradfield Literary Award.

Co-author of obsolete currency section of **Nebraska Obsolete and National Currency**. Has served as bourse chairman and in other positions for numerous coin conventions. Active as a guest speaker on numismatics for civic programs. A former coin shop owner, he has been active in numismatics for 40 years.

GOVERNOR —

Bill Quarles, Wisconsin

Collector of Bryan money and British tokens. Life member of American Numismatic Assn. Member of Numismatists of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Illinois Numismatic Assn., Liberty Seated Collectors Club, Florida United Numismatists, Wisconsin Coin and Precious Metals Assn.

Bourse chairman for Mid-America Coin Show. Author of **Centinel** feature on counterfeit and altered coin detection. Started in numismatics as a child by Erv Gerber, long-time member of CSNS.

GOVERNOR —

Ray Lefman, Missouri

Life member of CSNS, ANA and Life Member Number 1 of Heart of America Numismatic Association. Has served CSNS continuously for past 25 years as President or member of the Board of Governors. Awarded CSNS Medal of Merit in 1963.

Appointed in 1964 to United States Assay Commission. Chairman of numerous numismatic conventions, including the successful 1975 Central States Kansas City Convention. Senior member of CSNS Board in terms of length of service. Chairman of CSNS Medal of Merit Committee. 1977 recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award.

GOVERNOR —

Michael Kolman, Ohio

Currently serves on CSNS Board of Governors. Life member of CSNS and ANA. Board member for Penn-Ohio. Holds membership in 16 local and area clubs.

Current First Vice-President of Penn-Ohio. Collector since 1963 and an active dealer since 1961. A member of TAMS, collects Civil War tokens and enclosed coins.

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Helen Sedo, Michigan

Life member of CSNS. Currently serving on CSNS Board of Governors. Awarded CSNS Medal of Merit in 1980. Member of ANA, MSNS, ISNA, PMCM and Dearborn Coin Club.

Served as Secretary or President of Dearborn Coin Club for past seven years. General Chairperson for 1979 CSNS Dearborn Convention and 1976 and 1977 Michigan State Conventions in Dearborn. Competitive exhibitor at local and state shows. Arranged displays at Dearborn Public Library for National Coin Week for several years. Collecting specialty is Louis Phillippe five franc pieces.

GOVERNOR —

A. P. (Del) Bertschy, Wisconsin

Member of CSNS for 40 years and a charter Life Member for 30 years. Past President and Honorary Life Member of Milwaukee Numismatic Society. Holds membership in Numismatists of Wisconsin and is currently a Board Member of that organization.

Also a member of Society of Paper Money Collectors, American Numismatic Assn., South Shore Coin Club, and numerous other local, state, and regional numismatic organizations. Many years experience as General Chairman and Bourse Chairman for Milwaukee Numismatic Society Fall Coin Shows. General Chairman for Numismatists of Wisconsin Conventions in 1975 and 1979. General Chairman of Central States Conventions in 1954, 1972, and 1977.

Has served CSNS as past Governor, First and Second Vice-President, and President. Currently serves on Board of CSNS as Immediate Past President. Awarded CSNS Medal of Merit in 1972 and Numismatic Ambassador Award from Krause Publications in 1975. Active in National Coin Week activities in the Milwaukee area.

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Florence Schook, Michigan

Current member of ANA Board of Governors. ANA Young Numismatists Correspondence Course Chief Administrator. Chairlady of ANA Young Numismatists Program. ANA Club Rep. Michigan State Numismatic Society President and YN Chairlady. YN Coordinator for Penn-Ohio and Lincoln Coin Club.

Board Member of Penn-Ohio, Lincoln and INS of Michigan. YN Coordinator for American Israel Numismatic Assn. Holds membership in CSNS, TEC, AINA, GENA, Penn-Ohio and Wayne Coin Clubs, and the Franklin Mint Collectors Society. Honorary Life Member of MSNS, CONE, PMCM, East Detroit Coin Club, INS of Michigan, CYN, Monroe Royal Oak Coin Club, PAK, and Serendipity Club. Life Member of the Lincoln Coin Club.

Recipient of the ANA Outstanding YN Advisor Award in 1974, Numismatic Ambassador Award in 1975, ANA Medal of Merit in 1976. GENA Woman of the Year in 1976. Special Citation from Governor of Michigan in 1977. PAK Award for Outstanding Young Numismatist Service in 1978. City of Detroit Ambassador Award in 1979, and several other service awards at shows and conventions.

GOVERNOR —

Harold H. Berk, Ohio

Life Member of ANA, CSNS, GENA and Penn-Ohio Coin Club. Was named Honorary Life Member of Warren, Ohio, Coin Club, which he helped to organize. Charter member of Michigan State Numismatic Society and of Organization of International Numismatists.

Past President of CSNS and currently serving as a Board member. Has served ANA as a two term Board member. A collector for more than 40 years and a professional dealer since 1954. The first dealer elected to the Board of ANA.

GOVERNOR —

Thomas E. Fritzpatrick, North Dakota

Began collecting at the age of 11. Graduated from West High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Served four years in U. S. Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran. Graduated from Minot State College with a B. A. in Business Administration and a B. S. in Economics.

Taught school for two years while working towards a graduate degree in Guidance and Counseling. In 1971, founded Tom's Coin, Stamp and Gem Shop in Minot, N. D. Life member of ANA and CSNS. Member of Facts Dealer's Teletype System and a bourse dealer at major coin shows.

GOVERNOR —

Bob Douglas, Iowa

Became interested in numismatics in 1968 as a result of his son receiving a Boy Scout Merit Badge for coin collecting. Past Board Member and President of Cedar Rapids Coin Club. Has served as General Chairman and various other capacities for local and state coin shows in Iowa.

Member of ANA. Currently serves as a Director of Iowa Numismatic Assn. Past Advertising Manager for **Iowa Collector**, published by Iowa Numismatic Assn. Part-time coin dealer from 1975 to present. Currently serves as General Chairman for 1982 Central States Cedar Rapids Convention.

GOVERNOR —

Orlane Kittle, Minnesota

Collector for many years. Proprietor for past 25 years of Winona Coins and Hobby Crafts. Life member of CSNS and MOON. Member of ANA, INA, and WCC.

President of Minnesota Organization of Numismatists, re-elected for third term in 1981. Past President of Winona Coin Club. As a collector, is interested in Philippine and Panamanian coins and currency. Current CSNS Board member.

GOVERNOR —

Larry Rowe, Nebraska

Member of CSNS, Nebraska Numismatic Assn., Lincoln Coin Club, Wahoo Coin Club, and Fremont Coin Club. Served as General Chairman for 1980 Central States Convention in Lincoln. Was elected as First and Second Vice-President of NNA and subsequently as President of that organization.

Currently serves as President of Wahoo Coin Club, having held that office twice before. Has served several years on Auction Committee of Lincoln, Wahoo, and Fremont Coin Clubs. Has worked as committee chairman at NNA State Conventions.

GOVERNOR —

Rich Hartzog, Illinois

Currently serves as Board Member of CSNS and as President of Chicago Coin Club. Current Governor of Token and Medal Society.

Member of ANA, ANS, and numerous other numismatic organizations. Specialist in tokens and medals.

GOVERNOR —

Jim Vaterlaus, North Dakota

An active collector since 1952, with a special interest in Silver Dollars, Jefferson Nickels, and Lincoln Cents. An active dealer since 1961. While in U. S. Air Force helped organize Hahn AFB Coin Club and was its show chairman for three years. Reorganized Williston Coin Club and increased its

membership from 16 to 80.

Active speaker on numismatics before local school and civic groups. Recipient of Krause Publications Customer Service Award. Member of CSNS, ANA, TAMS, FUN, PAK, CWTS, South Dakota Coin and Stamp Assn., as well as numerous other numismatic clubs and organizations. Active exhibitor at shows and has won several best of show awards. Involved in discovery of several Lincoln Cent and Jefferson Nickel varieties. Current CSNS Board member.

GOVERNOR —

Jack Huggins, Illinois

A practicing CPA since 1948 and a collector for the past 42 years. Member ANA and a Life Member of Illinois Numismatic Assn. President of ILLNA 1973-75. Presently completing third term as CSNS Board member. Author of numerous articles in *The Centinel*, *Coin Digest*, and *Missouri Numismatic Society Quarterly*.

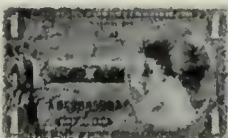
Has traveled throughout the United States as exhibitor. Winner of ANA Reserve Best of Show in 1980. 1981 winner of ANA Howland Wood Best of Show Award. Exhibit judge at both ANA and CSNS Conventions. Chief Judge at CSNS 1981 Indianapolis Convention. Current Educational Chairman of ILLNA. One of five Regional Representatives of ANA. Currently serving second term as Treasurer of Elongated Collectors.

CSNS is fortunate to have so many qualified candidates volunteering to serve our organization. Please carefully consider the qualifications of each, and when you receive your ballot, vote for those you feel will do the best job for CSNS.

—Ralph D. Hardman, President

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481	10.00	12.00	40.00	60.00	PL 90. PL 90.	600.00	400.00	
521	8.00	12.00	30.00	50.00	80.00	WTD All Grades	WTD All Grades	
541	2.50	4.00	15.00	35.00	120.00	WTD All Grades	WTD All Grades	
591	30.00	40.00	140.00	275.00	100.00	WTD All Grades	WTD All Grades	
611	2.50	4.00	10.00	20.00	45.00	500.00	350.00	
641	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	10.00	100.00	160.00	
651	Not Issued	Not Issued	Not Issued	WTD All Grades	15.00	175.00	200.00	
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661	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$700.00	\$500.00
681	1.00	1.00	1.50	3.00	2.50	7.00	85.00	75.00
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At the 1982 Board meeting, to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in conjunction with the Central States Convention and Coin Show, the Board will entertain club bids to host the 1987 Central States Convention. Any club which desires to submit a bid to host the 1987 Convention should make its desire to do so known to the Secretary, Marjorie Owen, P. O. Box 65336, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

**Bids and their accompanying presentations will be considered
by the Board during its deliberations in Cedar Rapids.**

Membership informations for the American Numismatic Association can be obtained by writing:

ANA

Box 2366

Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Membership information in the Society of Paper Money Collectors can be obtained by writing:

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Box 366

Hinsdale, IL 60521

EXCELLENT TURNOUT FOR MIDWEST SHOW

Nearly 3,000 collectors and investors attended the three-day Midwest Postage Stamp & Coin Show in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont, Illinois recently (November 6-8, 1981). "The turnout was excellent. It certainly indicates there are many active stamp and coin collectors in the area," said Peggy Schaefer, show director, as she announced the attendance figures.

The popular show is regularly sponsored by the Midwest Stamp and Coin Dealers Association. Association members also provide free classes on collecting during the show.

The next major Chicago area show will be the annual ASDA Chicago Philatelic Fair at the Holiday Inn O'Hare/Kennedy on February 5-7, 1982. For additional information contact Peggy Schaefer at P. O. Box 41473, Chicago, Illinois 60641, or at 312-777-1161.



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Don't forget to make hotel reservations for
the 1982 Central States Convention !

ATTENTION MEMBER CLUBS

CSNS believes that the local collector and club constitute the backbone of numismatics. To aid our member clubs, we will be publishing a Club Directory in a future issue of THE CENTINEL. To have your club included, please send the following information to THE CENTINEL: 1) Name of club; 2) Meeting place and address; 3) Time of meetings; 4) Annual dues; 5) Name and address or phone number of person to contact for membership information.

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1984— April 26 - 29 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Chairman: A. P. "Del" Bertschy, 3939 N. Murray Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53211

1985 — Dates to be announced Minneapolis, Minnesota

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future CSNS Convention? It is not too early to begin thinking of the future! Submit your letter of invitation to the CSNS Secretary-Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Your request will receive the prompt attention of the Officers and Board of Governors.

LEGAL TENDER

by Bill Mross

With this issue **The Centinel** will be adding as a regular feature a numismatic legal advice column. The author, attorney Bill Mross of Racine, Wis., currently serves as President of the Racine Numismatic Society. Readers should remember that the advice in this feature is not intended to take the place of contact with your attorney in the event a problem similar to one covered in this column might arise.

The answers Bills gives are based on Wisconsin law, which may not yield the same results as the law in your own state. Also, what may seem to the lay person to be trifling differences in the facts of a case may in fact have a significant bearing on the outcome of actual litigation.

If you have any questions you'd like to see discussed in a future "Legal Tender" feature please write to: Bill Mross, P. O. Box 21, Racine, Wisconsin 53401. — Ed

Dear "Legal Tender": I consigned a portion of my collection to a dealer for sale. He was to retain a 10% commission. While he was attending a convention, the items were stolen. What recourse do I have? R. T., Winona, Minnesota.

Dear R. T.: I doubt that you would have any case against the dealer directly unless you could show that he was negligent in the manner in which he handled your coins (e. g., leaving them out on his table unattended while he went to the bathroom). I would certainly suggest that you initiate a dialogue with him to determine whether or not he maintains insurance to cover such a loss. If not, you should check with your own agent to see whether or not your own policy would reimburse you. (Tip to dealers — it would be an excellent notion to main-

tain such insurance. Tip to collectors — be sure to have a policy that covers your specimens at such times as they are out of the safety deposit box for whatever reason.)

Dear "Legal Tender": About five years ago I purchased a \$3 gold piece in EF condition. I recently submitted it and several of my other better pieces to ANACS for authentication and grading. All of the items came back with pedigrees save for this one — ANACS said it was as phony as a \$19 bill. I contacted the seller and informed him of the situation. He was very apologetic and acknowledged his error.

He has offered to refund me the purchase price of the coin. As you undoubtedly know, the market has gone up just a smidge since I obtained the coin. Accepting the dealer's offer would leave me quite a bit behind what it would cost to replace the piece. I feel that he should pay me the value of a genuine in today's market. Which of us is right? S. Y., Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear S. Y.: I'm afraid that the dealer probably has the better end of this one. The Uniform Commercial Code provides that the buyer must notify the seller of a breach **within a reasonable time** after he discovers it or **should have discovered it**. When the item does not conform to what you want, you may recover as damages the loss that results from the breach in the ordinary course of events as determined in any manner which is reasonable.

Acceptance of the goods occurs when the buyer, **after a reasonable opportunity to inspect the item**, signifies to the seller either that the item meets his specifications or that the

acceptance will occur even given any non-conformity or when the buyer, after a reasonable opportunity to inspect the goods, fails to effectively reject them. This rejection must occur within a reasonable time after delivery or tender of the merchandise. (Emphasis supplied.) It seems to me that five years of having the piece in your possession and susceptible to inspection and authentication is a bit beyond any period that a court would determine to be reasonable — you could have, and should have, had the certification taken care of long ago — and even then would be likely to re-

cover only the purchase price.

(Tip to dealers — avoid disputes of this nature by noting in your ads that you will do no more than refund the purchase price in the event of non-genuineness of a specimen. Tip to collectors — follow the contemporary wisdom of having an ANACS certification as a condition precedent to your purchase — or at least transmit the coin to ANACS for examination immediately upon your receipt of it.)

‘Til next time!!!

Bill Mross

“LEGAL TENDER”

SHOW CALENDAR

Show chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Central States areas. Please include the city where the show will be held, name of the sponsoring organization, show dates and the location, as well as the name and address of the show or bourse chairman. Send to: Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 589, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO — FEBRUARY 18 - 21, 1982

4th Annual American Numismatic Association Mid-Year Convention, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. William C. Henderson, P. O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — FEBRUARY 26 - 28, 1982

St. Louis Numismatic Association 18th Annual Greater America Coin Fair, Marriott Motor Hotel, I-70 and Lambert International Airport. Bill Armstrong, Martin World Coins, 327 Northwest Plaza, St. Ann, Missouri 63074.

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN — MARCH 14, 1982

Kenosha Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 5125 Sixth Avenue.

RACINE, WISCONSIN — MARCH 20 - 21, 1982

Racine Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Racine Memorial Hall, RNS Bourse, P. O. Box 1222, Racine, Wisconsin 53405.

DAYTON, OHIO — MARCH 19 - 21, 1982

Semi-Annual Spring Greater Dayton Coin Expo, Dayton Convention Center, 5th and Main. Ron Crouch, 188 Lynnhaven Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45431.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — MARCH 12 - 14, 1982

The Greater Indianapolis Coin Show at the Fairgrounds, Indiana State Fairgrounds. Roger Smith, 1927 Windsor Drive, Kokomo, Indiana 46901; phone (317) 459-4164.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — MARCH 18 - 21, 1982

6th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive. CICF c/o RARCO, 31 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — MARCH 27 - 28, 1982

South Shore Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Milwaukee Exposition and Convention Center, 6th and Kilbourn Streets. Bob Krueger, 3159 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — APRIL 16 - 18, 1982

8th Annual National Numismatic Network Coin Show and Convention, Sheraton O'Hare Hotel, 6810 North Manneheim Road. Paula Farrell, National Numismatic Network, 1423 West Fullerton, Chicago, Ill. 60614.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA — APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 1982

Cedar Rapids Coin Club hosts the 1982 Central States Numismatic Society 43rd Anniversary Convention, Five Seasons Center, 370 1st Avenue N.E. Bob Douglas, P. O. Box 123, Hiawatha, Iowa 52233.

MADISON, WISCONSIN — MAY 15 - 16, 1982

Numismatists of Wisconsin Annual Coin Show and Convention, Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive. Eugene Quigley, 6205 Piedmont Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA — MAY 15 - 16, 1982

Nebraska Numismatic Association Annual Convention, Hilton Hotel. John J. Gabarron, P. O. Box 30011, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — JUNE 11 - 13, 1982

Indiana State Numismatic Association 24th Annual Convention and Coin Show, Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Avenue. Jerry Lebo, P. O. Box 44337, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; phone (317) 637-5116.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — JUNE 18 - 20, 1982

3rd Annual N. O. I. S. E. Coin Show, O'Hare Expo Center, Rosemont. Joseph Irmen, P. O. Box 424, Wood Dale, Illinois 60191.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — JULY 30 - 31 and AUGUST 1, 1982

1st Annual Mid-America Coin Show, Milwaukee Exposition and Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourn Streets. William Quarles, 5464 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217; phone (414) 963-9331.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — AUGUST 6 - 8, 1982

22nd Annual Missouri Numismatic Society Coin Festival, Marriott Motor Hotel, I-70 and Lambert Municipal Airport.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS — AUGUST 16 - 22, 1982

American Numismatic Association Annual Convention, Hynes Memorial Auditorium and Sheraton Boston Hotel. Elliott L. Goldberg, 10 Ernschaw Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts 02132.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — OCTOBER 8 - 10, 1982

Milwaukee Numismatic Society 48th Annual Fall Coin Show, Milwaukee Exposition and Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourne Streets. Francis Wilford, P. O. Box 26366, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY — OCTOBER 15 - 17, 1982

22nd Annual Kentucky State Numismatic Association Coin Show, Holiday Inn Convention Center. Jim LaFever, 3805 Foreman Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40219.

DAYTON, OHIO — NOVEMBER 5 - 7, 1982

Semi-Annual Fall Greater Dayton Coin Expo, Dayton Convention Center, 5th and Main. Ron Crouch, 188 Lynnhaven Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45431.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN — NOVEMBER 26 - 28, 1982

Michigan State Numismatic Society 27th Fall Coin Show and Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel. MSNS, P. O. Box 2014, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

RECURRING SHOWS

Chicago, Illinois — Gaslight Coin Show, 1st Sunday of the month, Leaning Tower YMCA, 6300 West Touhy. Ken Saville, Gaslight Coins, 1334 Waukegan, Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025.

Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois — 2nd Sunday of every month. N. O. I. S. E. Monthly Coin Show. Ramada O'Hara Inn, Higgins and Mannheim Roads. Joseph Irmen, Box 424, Wood Dale, Illinois 60191.

Monroe, Michigan — Monroe Coin Show, 2nd Sunday of the month, Holiday Inn near I-75 Dixie Highway exit. Frenchie's Coin and Stamp Mart, 423 West Front Street, Monroe, Michigan 48161.

Cincinnati, Ohio — Third Sunday Monthly Coin and Collectables Show (Auction at 3:30 p.m.). American Legion Hall, 11100 Winton Road, Greenhills, Ohio. Gary Perkins, P. O. Box 39301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN — NOVEMBER 26 - 28, 1982

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AN ERROR OPPORTUNITY

By REV. RON LASHMIT (CSNS No. 3708)

Error collecting is as fascinating and exciting as any other area or specialty in numismatics. It requires much study, reading, listening, asking questions, reading, listening, and learning. Of course one will make mistakes in purchases, but if the general rule of moving into an unfamiliar field is followed, one won't spend a large sum of money only to find out it's no good.

Pitfalls and "goofs" are offset when an interesting and beautiful find is complimented by another interesting and beautiful find such as the two following coins.

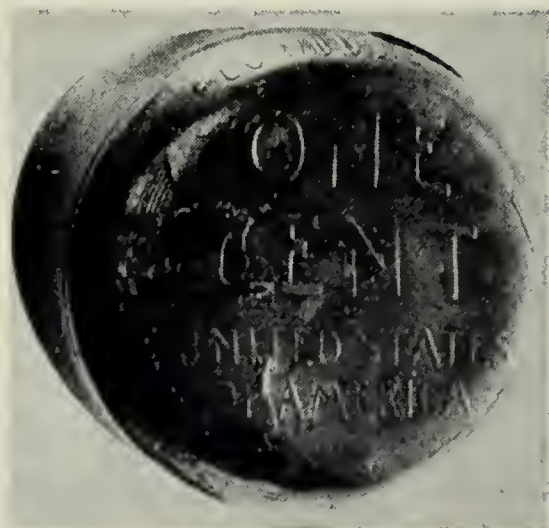
Having collected errors for 14 years, I still get excited and fidgety over a desirable piece. You can imagine how I felt when in the spring of 1979, a dealer friend now living out West told me he had a 1945 "S" cent die cap.

A cap is created when a planchet having been struck, adheres to one of the dies. In this instance it capped the obverse die — thus becoming the working die for the next several

strikes. It then impressed the following planchets with an incused design of the reverse die, creating a "brockage" error.

As the metal of the "cap" flows up around the die, it thins out and distorts the original appearance after each strike it makes; thus no two brockage strikes are the same. The cap keeps striking until it is discovered by a mint employee and removed or until it is "spent" or completely worn through and falls off the die.

The story comes up to the spring of 1980 at the Cedar Rapids Coin Club's show. I had set up my exhibit of error coins when Bob Douglas called me over to his table to look at an error he had found for me. I told him it was a brockage and we agreed on a price. I was very pleased with my purchase for about five minutes when I had a strange feeling come over me. After telling Bob that something seemed very unusual, I went to my exhibit for a closer look at my cap.



Reverse of cap. Notice the spreading at the top of the coin.

— Photo courtesy of Coin World



Obverse of 1915 "S" capped die coin. Note the high rim on the left side.

— Photo courtesy of Coin World

You can imagine my amazement and glee to see what looked like the last strike of my cap. I showed it to Bob and think he was as thrilled as I was. They make a beautiful pair of coins — almost a miracle to come together after 35 years!



Brockage on a wheat cent. The lettering is reversed and incuse. It is almost a perfect match to the cap.

— Photo courtesy of Coin World

ANA Colorado Springs Show Approaches

In 1916 Spencer Penrose and Charles L. Tutt decided to build one of the world's finest and most complete hotels. Their success is The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, but the project has never been completed. The International Center, with an unobstructed area capable of seating 1,600 for a banquet, was added in 1961 and Broadmoor West, the third guest room facility, was opened only six years ago.

The American Numismatic Association will hold its fourth mid-year convention at The Broadmoor, February 18 - 21, 1982. The 100-plus table bourse and the exhibits will be in Inter-

national Center, across a street from Broadmoor Main that, in turn, is connected to Broadmoor South by a covered walk. Broadmoor West is reached from these facilities by a hotel shuttle bus operating continually. The auction, banquet and other meeting type activities will be in the three hotel buildings.

The bourse area has been filled, with a list of standbys for any cancellations that may be made. There is room for more non-competitive (only class) exhibits for which applications may be obtained from Ken Hallenbeck at ANA headquarters. Each exhibitor will receive a special uniface Medal of Participation in recognition of his or her contribution to the convention.

The Broadmoor complex and the Colorado Springs area offer a wide variety of diversions for those who want a bit of holiday in mid-winter. The weather is usually conducive to outside activity but there are indoor facilities for ice skating, swimming, tennis or just browsing through gift shops, art galleries, and one of the finest zoos anywhere.

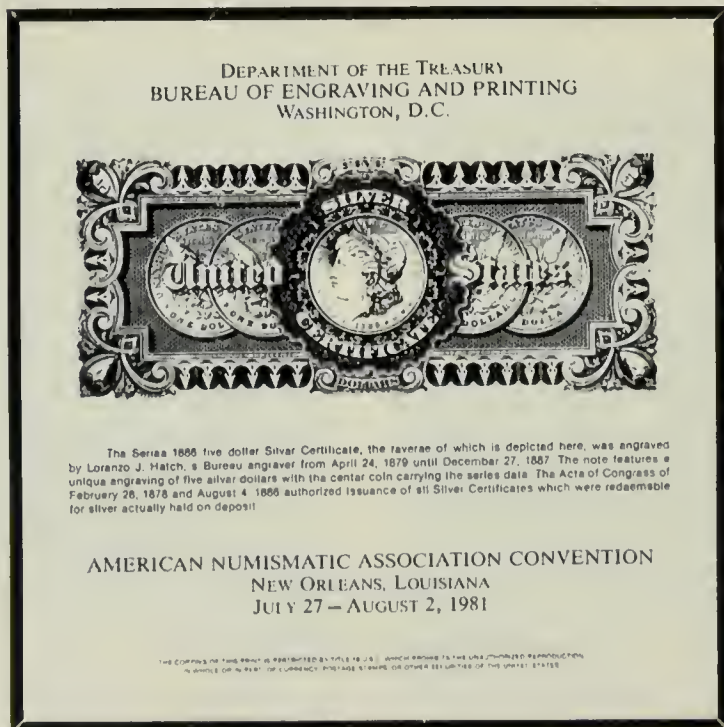
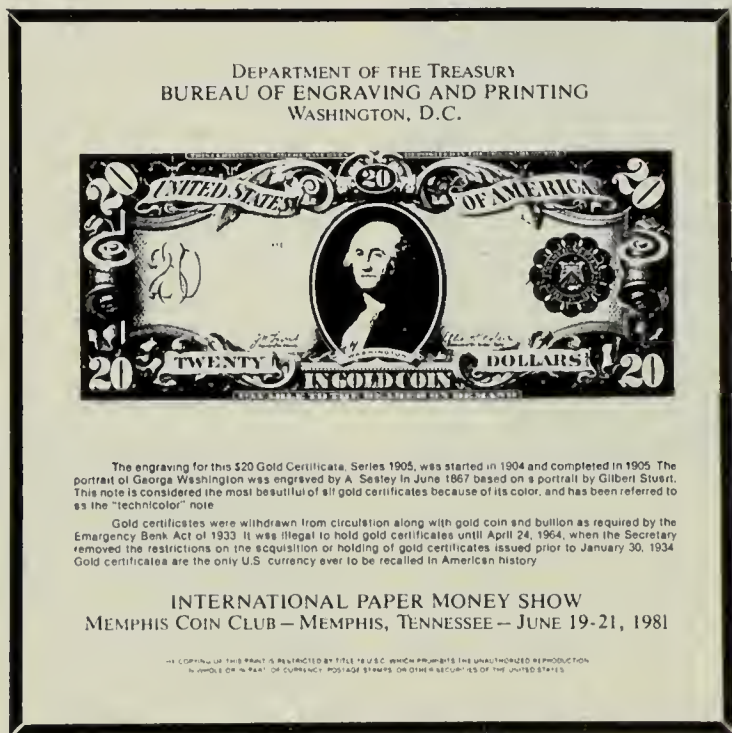
Plans are in the making for a six-day, five-night preconvention high country adventure to the Keystone ski area in the Rockies west of Denver. Those who might be interested should write for a brochure giving details to ANA Headquarters, P. O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

This will be a leisurely and relaxing show — devoid of the big-city hustle and bustle of the annual conventions. But you must plan ahead. Start now with a hotel reservation to avoid disappointment!

The First National Bank of Worland, Wyoming was the only bank in that community to receive a federal charter during the national bank note issuance period.

CENTRAL STATES COVERUP EXPOSED!

After the Fall issue of the *Centinel* appeared it was a tossup as to whose face was the more vivid shade of red, the editor or the printer. As some of you correctly guessed, the cover should have portrayed the full souvenir cards issued to commemorate the ANA New Orleans Convention and the Memphis Paper Money Show. Collectors of numismatic errors will now have an error magazine cover to add to their holdings, and the Fall 1981 *Centinel* will be remembered as having the cover that wasn't.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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EXHIBIT RULES AND CONDITIONS

The Numismatic Exhibit and Exhibit Program will be under the direction of the Central States Numismatic Society which reserves to itself the right to reject any exhibit at any time. Exhibits will be accepted only upon receipt of an application form properly filled out and submitted to the Exhibit Chairman of the Convention, either in person or by mail.

(1) Any collector of numismatic material who is a member in good standing of any numismatic club is eligible to enter an exhibit. Those competing for awards must also be a member of Central States Numismatic Society.

(2) For an exhibitor to be eligible for the use of display cases or space, an entry blank must be filled out and sent, or given, to a member of Convention Exhibits Committee at least 15 days prior to the opening of the convention. All numismatic items not genuine must be properly described. All exhibits must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. No exhibitor may exhibit any non-competitive case in an area adjacent to that in which he displays any competitive case.

(3) No single exhibit may be entered in more than one classification, but any exhibitor may make more than one exhibit, provided he files a separate application for each exhibit and indicates the class in which it is to be judged, if entered in competition. But in no case more than a total of six cases, irrespective of whether or not he furnishes his own cases. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in the same classification.

(4) Cases will be assigned in order of receipt of entry blanks and the number of cases allotted to each exhibitor shall be left to the discretion of the Exhibits Committee. Unless cases reserved for exhibits are used by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the convention, such unused cases may be reassigned to other exhibitors. Cancellation of any exhibit reservation should be made to the Exhibit Chairman in writing. Exhibits shall be numbered.

(5) Exhibit cases will be loaned for use at this convention upon receipt of application in which case requirements are stated. No competitive exhibit will be allowed more than six (6) cases, and no competitive exhibit displayed in exhibitor's own cases shall occupy more than three thousand two hundred fifty (3,250) square inches in overall area, horizontal or vertical. If an exhibitor enters more than one exhibit and requires the loan of more than six (6) cases, the loan of any additional cases shall depend on the availability of such cases after the requirements of other qualified exhibitors have been satisfied. Non-

competitive exhibitors will be subject to such space limitations as the Exhibit Chairman deems appropriate.

(6) The name or identity of any competitive exhibitor shall not appear on the exhibit. The Exhibit Committee Chairman shall keep a full and complete record of all exhibits, showing the name of each exhibitor and the number of the exhibit. Names of competitive exhibitors shall not be disclosed to any one until the judges have completed judging of the exhibits and made their report to the Awards Committee Chairman, who shall be given the names of those exhibitors to whom awards are due.

(7) The numbered exhibit identification card showing the number of the exhibit and the group classification under which the exhibit is entered, will be placed inside each exhibit case in the upper left-hand corner or some alternate but uniformly placed position where it is plainly visible. Each exhibit case will be locked by the Exhibit Committee Chairman or his assistant, in the presence of the exhibitor and the keys will be kept by the Exhibit Committee Chairman until the exhibit can be removed by the exhibitor unless the exhibitor uses his own cases.

(8) Police protection will be provided for the exhibits during the period of the convention. Normal precautions will be exercised at all times but no liability shall be incurred by the Central States Numismatic Society, its officers, members, and/or committees either in their respective official or individual or personal capacities by reason of any loss or damages whatsoever; or the local coin club acting as hosts, its officers, members and/or committees either in their respective official or individual or personal capacities by reason of any loss, or damage, whatsoever sustained either directly or indirectly in connection with the exhibits and/or convention.

(9) Awards for any exhibits will be made by the Central States Numismatic Society, in accordance with the procedures approved by its Executive Board. Three or more exhibit judges will be appointed by the President of the Central States Numismatic Society, with full and final authority to select the competitive exhibits in each group classification to which first, second, and third place awards shall be given. The judges will also have the authority to withhold any of such awards in any group classification where exhibits are deemed insufficient or unworthy of an award.

(10) A Best In Show Award will be made to one of the first-place winners. Best In Show Award will not be awarded twice to the same person for substantially the same exhibit. (A list of previous winners of Best In Show should be furnished to the judges for their guidance.)

(11) The following exhibit classifications are available for the 1982 Convention. The right to reclassify entries is reserved by the Exhibit Chairman.

Class 1. Major U. S. Coins (Twenty-Cent through Dollar)

Class 2. Minor U. S. Coins (Half-Cent through Ten Cents)

Class 3. All Gold Coins

Class 4. All Paper Money

Class 5. Coins Prior to 1500 A.D.

Class 6. Foreign Coins After 1500 A.D.

Class 7. Medals, Tokens, Orders and Decorations

Class 8. Juniors — 17 years old or under.

Class 9. Miscellaneous (Exhibitors not covered by Classes 1 through 8)

(12) Pursuant to authority from the Board of Governors, the following point score system will be used for judging exhibits:

Exhibit Aspect	Maximum Points
1. NUMISMATIC INFORMATION (measured in terms of education value to the viewer)	35
2. ARRANGEMENT AND ORIGINALITY (manner of presentation, neatness, and eye appeal)	30
3. COMPARATIVE COMPLETENESS (range, scope, and variety of coverage shown by the exhibited material as it relates to the exhibit title or theme)	15
4. COMPARATIVE CONDITION (quality of exhibited material compared to highest known quality of like material)	10
5. RARITY AND/OR VALUE (considering condition of exhibited material)	10
Maximum Total Points	100

(13) Judges may exercise reasonable discretion under the foregoing standards which are set forth as broad guidelines, but which are not imposed as rigid limitations. Exhibitors must realize that competent numismatists will refuse to act as judges if they must adhere to narrow rigid rules which do not permit free exercise of good judgment and fair assessment of the many complex facets of exhibits. Exhibitors must therefore accept the judges' decisions as final and binding in all cases.

(14) Judges will submit final point scores agreed upon for all competitive exhibits to the Exhibit Committee Chairman at the close of the convention. Any exhibitor may obtain from him upon written request, such final point score for his own exhibit only after the convention.

(15) In order to qualify for a first place award, an exhibit must earn no less than 65 points.

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Current plans are to publish an inexpensive soft-cover catalog containing the entire list, approximate valuations, comments on varieties, etc., in 1982. This is a final appeal to all collectors and dealers, who have not done so already, to please contribute information on their large size star notes to make the list as complete as possible; your identities will be held confidential.

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The Gobrecht Journal: Collective Volume Number One

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Many of the articles will no doubt become classics in the field of Liberty Seated research. The net result is a work of serious scholarship which few serious students of 19th century numismatics will want to do without.

The heavily illustrated work contains nearly 400 pages of solid information about Liberty Seated coins. Among the contributors are such scholars as Kamal Ahwash, John McClosky, and Walter Breen. Other less well known but equally provocative authors have also contributed.

The articles are so arranged that the collector has "fingertip" information on almost any conceivable aspect of Liberty Seated coins. Over the years there has been a conspicuous dearth of readily available information about Liberty Seated coins. This volume fills the gap.

For more information about the book and membership data on the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, con-

tact: John McClosky, President, L. S. C. C., 5718 King Arthur Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

— James Skwarek

Standard Catalogue of United States Paper Money, by Chester L. Krause and Robert F. Lemke.

Published by Krause Publications, 700 East State Street, Iola, Wisconsin 54990

Krause Publications' most recent entry in the numismatic book market nicely fills a few gaps left by earlier works in the field. The introductory section gives a concise history of the various paper money issues of the federal government. The work then continues with a section giving valuations by type and condition for the various issues.

One innovation is an effort to give valuations by state for national bank notes. While it must be borne in mind that even the most prolific states will have extremely rare banks, and that in some of the scarest states there are a few relatively common notes, the Krause catalogue will be a useful tool in considering comparative values between notes of roughly equal rarity from different states.

Another welcome contribution is the listing of note issuing banks within states alphabetically by city. Now, for example, the collector of California notes can readily determine that there were three note issuing banks in Ontario, without laboriously hunting through the bank listings by federal charter number.

Completely new in the Krause-Lemke book is a chapter on Postage Stamp Envelopes, one of the forerunners of the fractional currency expedient adopted in response to the shortage of coin during the Civil War.

The book builds on and compliments some of the earlier works in the field, such as *Paper Money of the United*

States by Robert Friedberg; United States Large Size Paper Money by William Donlon; and The Comprehensive Catalogue of U. S. Paper Money by Gene Hessler. It deserves a place

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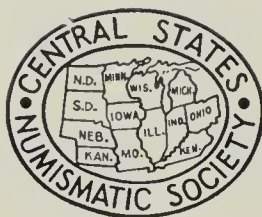
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